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Thatcher snub for Gibraltar killings probe

Amnesty investigation 'a stunt without status'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is to send a sharp reply to Amnesty International after Easter in which she will refuse its demand for information about the killing of three unarmed IRA bombers in Gib-

Thatcher yesterday con-demned the London-based human rights group over its request for more details of the shootings. She agreed with a Conservative MP that it was a "stunt without status".

To cheers from Conservative MPs she told the Commons that she hoped Amnesty had some concern for the more than 2,000 people

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at least £8.000 Yesterday's winners.

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Pound in big rise on Mark

By David Smith The pound soared strongly yesterday as dealers interpreted comments by the Chancellor of the Exchequer as meaning exchange rate ceilings had been removed.

It rose by 1.5 pfennigs to DM3.1252, and by 1.65 cents to \$1.8855. The sterling index rose by 0.4 points to a two-year high of 78.1.

The City thinks the Chancellor, having been unwilling to remove the DM3 cap on sterling, has now accepted the need for a stronger pound. While differences in emphasis remain, the Chancellor, the the Bank of England Governor and the Prime Minister have all said this week that inflation is the top priority. Lawson boost, page 25 Comment, page 27

Snooker drugs Cliff Thorburn of Canada, the former world snooker champion, faces possible suspension by the game's governing body after failing to pass a drug test at the British Open in Derby last month Page 38

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murdered by the IRA since

She said that the Gibraltar inqueston the deaths on March 6 of Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage would be the "proper occasion" for the matter to be

Mrs Thatcher will take a A furious Mrs Margaret similar line in her reply to the organization, which has a history of uneasy relations with British governments.

She told colleagues yesterday that it was disgraceful that the letter to her had been written in such terms.

Three members of Amnesty's international secretar-

History of clashes

Parliament. iat are to investigate the killings. In the letter to the Prime Minister it said that it was the Government's responsibility to provide a "full and public account of the circumstances surrounding this

The organization said:
"There are a number of circumstances which suggest that the three were delib-erately targeted by the security forces and killed without challenge, and that no attempt had been made to capture

It said that the three guerril-las were watched for weeks while planning a bombing attack, but no attempt was made to arrest them during that period.

Its statement quoted witnesses as saying the three were shot without warning and "that at least one of the victims, having fallen to the ground after an initial gunshot, was shot several times while lying helpless and incapacitated".

Amnesty told the Prime Minister in its letter that it was investigating to see whether there had been "extra-judicial

As the storm over the investigation grew Amnesty last night denied that it had prejudged the issue. "Our letter did not specifically state that we had formed an opinion as to the nature of the events in Gibraltar. It is clear there was conflicting evid-

In the Commons the former Conservative minister, Mr Ian Gow, asked Mrs Thatcher: "When you come to reply to the letter from Amnesty Inter-national, apparently on behalf of three terrorists mercifully now dead, will you point out that it is the organization to which these terrorists belonged which has been in massive breach of all decent standards relating to human

"Will you further point that there is to be an inquest carried out before a jury in Gibraltar and the inquiry for

which Amnesty International

has asked is a stunt without

The Prime Minister told Mr Gow she agreed with almost every word he had said.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook, vice-chairman of the backbench Northern Ireland Committee. said the Amnesty decision to investigate was deplorable. He added: "If Amnesty have any evidence it should be submitted to the coroner's court".

Amnesty reacted to the furore by saying: "We can understand that people are upset, hut we hope that when the emotions die down they will see that ensuring human rights are upheld is more important".

The Government has yet to decide how the soldiers will give evidence to the inquest.

It has made clear that it will co-operate with the inquest, but its paramount concern will be that the safety of the soldiers is safeguarded and their identities protected.

The soldiers could go to Gibraltar and give evidence in camera or from behind screens. Alternatively their evidence could be taken in Britain and sent to the court in the form of affidavits.

The issue has been dis-cussed by the special Cabinet committee which deals with terrorism under the chairmanship of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary. It will be considered further when the coroner's request for witnesses is received.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on home affairs, said yesterday that the Foreign Secretary had tailed in reply to his questions, to state whether the soldiers warned the suspects before opening fire

News of the Amnesty investigation also came as a surprise to Mr Paddy McGrory, the Belfast solicitor representing relatives of the hree IRA members. Mr MCGrory said Amnesty contacted him on a "minor technical matter" connected with the case.

 Joseph Coogan, aged 21, a assistant Andersonstown, was re-manded in custody by Belfast magistrates yesterday on charges in connection with the killing of two soldiers at an IRA funeral in West Belfast 13 days ago.

He was accused of withholding information and impeding inquiries by exchanging a pair of trousers with a suspect and then burning the bloodstained trousers.

Kinnock chooses his election team

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent Hattersley's attempt for the leadership in 1983 and Mr Cook led Mr Kinnock's.

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday recalled the men behind his leadership victory to ensure that the "dream ticket" of 1983 survives in 1988.

He named Mr John Smith, the shadow chancellor, and Mr Robin Cook, the social services spokesmen, to head the campaign to secure his reelection and that of Mr Roy Hattersley, his running mate for deputy leader.

Mr Smith headed Mr

The choice of the two husiest men in the Shadow Cabinet to mastermind the

leadership's campaign was seen yesterday by Labour MPs as underlining the seriousness with which Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley view the challenge to their position now that Mr John Prescott has entered the lists

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Kidnap victim talks his way free

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

A wealthy Lebanese business-A wealthy Lebanese business-men was reunited with his family last night after he escaped from a gang of kid-nappers who abducted him on a London streel and held him ransom for £2 million in a remote country house.

Mr Ramzi Ata Dalloul is thought to have talked one of his guards into releasing him and taking him home. For a time the gang did not know he had escaped and they contin-ued to telephone demands to his wife.

Scotland Yard's anti-terror-ist branch, which investigates kidnappings, was last night questioning a man. Detectives were hunting a gang of four behind the well-planned plot, which they do not believe was inspired by terrorism. All the gang are thought to be British with the exception of a Arabspeaking accomplice.

The kidnapping took place on Tuesday night after Mr Dalloul, aged 52, left his company's offices in Stanhope Gate, South Kensington, for his home in Notting Hill, about a mile away.

A few hundred yards from home, his green BMW car was rammed by another BMW. An argument began over who was to blame for the crash.

A man wearing dark hlue trousers and a sweater ap-peared and the Mr Dalloul thought he must be a policeman. The bogus officer sug-gested Mr Dalloul should sit in the other car while the incident was sorted out. Once Mr Dalloul reached the car he was forced to lie on the floor of the vehicle with what seemed to be a gun at his temple.

The car drove off and, after 15 minutes, Mr Dalloul was hundled into a white van which took him to Tenterden, in Kent. He was kept hand-cuffed and under guard hy one man in a hungalow.

Shortly before midnight on Tuesday, Mrs Saeda Dalloul was telephoned and told the kidnappers wanted five mil-lion Swiss francs (£2 milion). The gang remained silent for much of Wednesday, but Mr Dalloul seems to have been negotiating with his sole guard, a local builder.

The gang, unaware of what was happening, called his home at 8 pm and the demands were repeated. Fortyfive minutes later Mr Dalloul rang to say he was coming home. He arrived at 11 pm with his former guard, who was detained by police. Police moved in on the bungalow early yesterday morning, hut no one else was there.

The gang continued to call yesterday, making contact several times in the morning hut then there was silence. They eventually must have realised something was wrong.

Britain's first black QCs appointed



Garages' alcohol sales banned by Lords vote By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Petrol stations will be banned from selling alcohol under a change in the livensing laws ferced on the Government by the House of Lords.

Under the ban 150 garages in England and Wales will have to surrender the licences magistrates granted them. The Government opposed the move because it argues

there is no evidence of a link between garage sales and a rise in drink-driving offences. Most of the garages are in

rural areas without shops near hy and so the garage sells basic groceries and alcohol. But Lord Brentford, a lead-

ing campaigner against a more relaxed licensing regime, persuaded his fellow peers that garage sales undermined the Government's own efforts to prevent drink-driving. Several MPs called for a ban on garage sales when the Licensing Bill was in the the Commons Commons. But, as drafted, their amendment would have

caught hypermarkets and shopping complexes which sold petrol as a side-line. However Lord Brentford phrased his amendment so

olaces where the sale

of petrol or car maintenance Parliament ..

was the "primary purpose"

will be caught by the ban. He has been supported by Action on Alcohol Abuse, which states that magistrates vary considerably in their attitude to garage sales. For instance magistrates in Llanelli, Dyfed, recently granted a third licence in the town.

The Government is not expected to try to reverse the ban when the Bill returns to

Peers also approved an amendment to remove the present restriction on offlicences so that they can open at 8am instead of 8.30am. which the Government accepted.

The move, strongly backed by the Retail Consortium, gets rid of an anomaly where supermarkets can open at 8am hut not sell alcohol to its customers until 8.30am.

Peers, including Lord Sainsbury of the supermarket family, argued that the half-anhour gap confused and irritated shopkeepers and customers who did their shopping on their way to work.

At a previous stage the House of Lords defied the Government by deciding that

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Historic day for the new ⁶silks⁹

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

The first black barristers to be appointed Queen's Counsel were among the list of new silks announced by the Lord Chancellor's Department

The two barristers, Mr John Roberts and Mr Leonard Woodley, who are both crown court recorders, are among 57 new silks recommended by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and approved by the Queen from a list of 290 condidates. list of 280 candidates.

They join a select band of 584 working QCs out of a practising Bar of 5,642. The rank hrings not only increased status but more money. Only 21 are women.

Yesterday Mr Roberts, who heads his own chambers which he set up 15 years ago at Stone's Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, said: "It is fantastic. I am very happy about the appointmeot. This is something one always hoped would happen."

He specializes in crime and general common law, and his clients, he says, are both black and white: his is not one of the black ghetto" chambers. But he does say that establishing his own chambers was "the only option open to me". A crown court recorder on

the South-eastern circuit, he claims he is not only the first QC of African descent hut also the first crown court recorder. Mr Roberts was born in Freetown, Sicrea Leone, and came to Britain in the 1950s. Mr Woodley was born in

Trinidad, the son of a band leader. He came to Britain in 1960, He joined the chambers of

Sir Dingle Foot, the radical lawyer, as a pupil and always defends, never prosecutes. Yesterday's list of silks also contains what is thought to be

Mr Leonard Woodley, QC: Always a defeace counsel.

the first simultaneous appointment of a husband and wife: Miss Ann Mallalieu, the first woman president of the Cambridge Union, who tackled the Inland Revenue over allowances for barrister's clothes; and Mr Timothy Cassel, a leading prosecutor for some years.

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Afghan withdrawal

US pushes Zia on Kabul pact From Michael Binyon, Washington

The US and Pakistan, after a metry or balance on a continseries of telephone conversa-tions between their leaders, are ready to present Moscow with new proposals to break the impasse over a negotiated

withdrawal of Soviet troops President Zia telephoned President Zia telephoned
President Reagan on Wednesday and Mr Muhammad
Khan Junejo, the Pakistani
Prime Minister, also spoke to
Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State. President Reagan repeated his assurance that the US would not cut off aid to the Afghan guerrillas unless Moscow stopped aiding

the Kabul Government. President Zia agreed that the cut-offs in military aid must be symmetrical, something the Russians have so far rejected. But the US and Pakistan may now propose that the US continue to aid the rebels and allow Moscow to declare its intention of helping Kabul - maintaining sym-

ued flow of weaponry rather than a cut-off on both sides. Officials have noted that Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, did not specifically rule this out during his recent visit here. But yesterday he sharply rejected continued US military

agreement. Tass reported from Moscow yesterday that Mr Shevardnadze accused Washington of having heen "far from supportive of a settlement". Mr Shultz is eager to get a

aid if Washington was to be a guarantor of any Afghan

negotiated agreement on a Soviet withdrawal before the summit meeting in Moscow next month. But right-wingers in Congress are insisting that the Administration should not abandon the guerrillas and are making a cut-off of aid a controversial domestic issue especially in the wake of the collapse of the Contras

The Russians however have threatened to go ahead with withdrawal plans without any US role as a guarantor of an agreement. This could leave chaos behind in Afghanistan making it difficult for Pakistan to persuade the three million Afghan refugees to return home.

One proposal is for a private US-Soviet understanding on an aid cut-off that is not linked to an Afghan-Pakistani peace

But Congress is making any deal difficult. Senator Gordon Humphrey, a right-wing Rep-uhlican, accused Mr Shultz of retreating from its demand for symmetry. He also asked how any US aid - now running at about \$600 million (£322 million) a year - could reach the guerrillas if Pakistan signed the Geneva accords which would prevent it from being a conduit.

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Holiday jams as tourists gamble with

Holidaymakers seeking to beat the traditional Good Friday rush by setting out a day early last night faced long delays and queues as they went in search of the sun and the sea. With weather forecasters predicting a cool, cloudy and showery Easter weekend over most of the country, police reported an eight-mile tailback on the M25 south of London after a mid-

afternoon crash, and a five-mile queue out of Oxford when a lorry overturned on the A34 bypass near Abingdon. A Surrey police spokesman said:
"Thousands of people seem to have taken an extra day's holiday to get away to the seaside early. If they thought they were going to beat the jams, they were

Cherbourg, and from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge, will be running normally. As the dispute between the National,

Unioo of Seamen and P&O European Weymouth, and on the Hoverspeed ferries dragged into its eighth week, the service to Calais and Boulogne. company said yesterday that its ships were full until April 6. A spokesman said: "Unless you have a firm reservation, don't attempt to travel."

None of its vessels were sailing from Dover to Calais, Boulogne or Zeebrugge. But P&O services from Dover to Ostend, from Portsmouth to Le Havre and

Forecasts.

Scalink, which has been hit by industrial action involving French crews, said there was limited room for cars and foot passengers on some of its crossings beween Harwich and Hook of Holland. to Chyrbourg from Portsmouth and

But a spokesman said that the Dover to Calais service was fully booked and Folkestone to Boulogne ships had room for only a few foot passengers. Sally Lines said that its ferries from Ramsgate to Dunkirk would be operating normally but with limited space available.

Air travel was also busy, with flights to Belfast expected to reach near recordhreaking levels. Holiday companies reported a late surge in bookings because of the ferry dispute and the give-away

A Thomson Holidays spokesman said that 7,000 reservations had been made since Budget Day, more than double last year's total of 3,000 during a similar period. Horizon said that it was sold out,

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Hospital unions turn down 4.8% pay offer Unions representing 225,000 hospital ancillary workers

have rejected a 4.8 per cent pay offer.

Mr Roger Poole, chief negotiator for the National Union of Public Employees, said the offer, which would have given increases of £4 to £5 a week, was wholly inadequate.

He said: Two-thirds of hospital ancillary staff earn less than £120 per week. They will not tolerate another paltry increase leaving them still further adrift of other workers doing the same jobs elsewhere in the economy.

Talks with the Department of Health and Social Security, which broke off on Wednesday night, will resume next month. The unions are expected to press for a big improvement in basic rates for some of the lowest paid workers io the NHS, including domestics, porters, caterers

They have lodged an eight-point claim for a flat-rate weekly rise of £14.62, which they say would give them parity with lowest-paid local authority manual workers.

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Shell alert at N-site

An unexploded shell was found buried on a site used to store radioactive waste from the controversial nuclear plant at Sellafield it was disclosed yesterday. The shell — a small mortar — was found earlier this week on the storage site at Drigg, just seven miles from the west Cumbrian reprocessing plant. It was blown up on the spot by Army bomb

Dearer hairdressing

Hairdressing prices are expected to rise by as much as 12 per ceot from April 11 when new minimum pay scales for hairdressing staff over the age of 21 come into effect. The new wage rates set by the Hairdressing Wages Council increase the minimum hourly rate from £1.25 to £2.05 an hour. Mr Hamish Wilson, vice-president of the National Hairdressers Federation, said there had been oo price iocreases in the past two years, but customers would still receive good value. British salons were the cheapest in the European community.

Licensed offenders

Home Office figures released yesterday show that more than 20 per ceot of life sentence prisoners released on licence in a 14-year period were reconvicted for fresh offences. But the rate of reconviction was lower than for other categories of prisoners. Between 1972 and 1986, 986 prisoners were out oo licence, and 211 were recoovicted. Thirty seven committed "grave" offences and another 174 committed

Insect-bite rampage

Bites by insects are believed to have caused a worker to have a seizure and damage £13,000 of high-technology machinery with an iron bar. Mr John Stadden, of Downside, Street, Somerset, was "fit and well" in a hospital isolation unit last night after workmates had to restrain him as be struck equipment on Wednesday. He was bitten while unloading a van cootaining boxes of Brazilian shoes at the Bullmead warehouse of the shoe firm, Clarks last Friday. All the workers coocerned and every shoebox in the load had been checked and found clear.

Rolls warden cleared

A traffic warden was cleared yesterday of causing £750 damage to a Nigerian king's gold Rolls-Royce after a dispute over a parking ticket. A jury at Southwark Crown Court, south London, found Mr Terence Spurr, aged 20, of Bushgrove Road, Dagenham, Essex, not guilty of causing criminal damage to the car. Mr Spurr said that after he gave the car a ticket for being double-parked in Bedford Row, Holborn, central London, last year the chauffeur of King Sijuwede II of Nigeria drove at him, bruising his leg. He said he hit the bonnet "in anger" with his fist.

Amnesty has history of clashes with Whitehall

By David Sapsted

Ampesty International is prepared to hear IRA evidence as it investieates the deaths in Gibraltar of three terrorists shot by the Special Air Service Regiment

The human rights group said yesterday: "Whether we accept any such evidence as valid is another matter. Anyone can submit evidence to us but it is judged to strict standards and subjected to thorough scrutiny before it is accepted."

British governments and Am-nesty have clashed frequently in the past over Northern Ireland. Ten years ago the Labour government set up an inquiry after the group alleged that the Royal Ulster Constabulary had beaten and mistreated suspected terrorists.

Such suggestions have persisted: the organization's 1987 report reiterated concern over allegations of mistreatment as well as criticizing judicial procedures in the province, particularly no-jury trials, and the inadequacy of investigations" into fatal shootings by the RUC.

Amnesty, based in London, has demanded a full inquiry into the RUC's alleged shoot-to-kill policy and has also recently decided to look at the case of the six men convicted of the Birmingham public house bombings.

Other issues have strained relations between Whitehall and Amnesty's international secretariat housed in offices in Easton Street, not far from the West End. As far back as 1966, a report accused British soldiers in Aden of using torture; the 1984 report expressed concern over the arrest of miners and their treatment by police during the pit strike, and, in February of this year, Amnesty called for a government inquiry into claims that statements from youths who faced charges concerning the killing of PC Keith Blakelock during the Broadwater Farm disturbances had been extracted under pressure.

The decision to investigate the Gibraltar killings was approved by Amnesty's deputy general secretary Mr Larry Cox, formerly an American journalist. The proposal for the inquiry originated from four researchers who coocentrate on cases in English-speaking parts of

No British or Irish members of Amnesty's 250 staff were involved

in the decision which was approved by the head of the European region, the head of research, the legal office and, finally, Mr Cox. Normally, the general secretary, Mr Ian Martin, would have made the final decision on an investigation but he was debarred because he is a British

The two key researchers in the Gibraltar investigation, who are expected to travel to the inquests on the IRA bombers, are a Canadian and a Dutch researcher.

Amnesty said: "They have no political axe to grind. They will approach this investigation as they do all others - more like investigative journalists than dedicated campaigners."

At present, the European section is involved in a host of investigaconcentrating on prisoners of con-science in the Soviet Union.

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in western Europe, its current inquiries centre on the treatment of conscientious objectors in Austria, West Germany and Greece, asylum procedures in the UK, France, Sweden and The Netherlands, allegations of torture in Italy; claims of ill-treatment by prisoners in Spain and Norway, and the fate of Kurdish refugees in Sweden.

The Gibraltar investigation is based on "circumstances which suggest that the three were deliberately targeted by the security forces and killed without challenge", Amnesty said. If that was found not to be the case, the inquiry would be dropped and no report

Humiliation for Willis as Ford unions ignore plea

By Roland Rudd

Ford unions delivered a Engineering Union, said: "I humiliating defeat to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, when they voted overwhelmingly yesterday not to give the guarantees Ford of America was looking for to build a plant at Dundee.

Mr Don Sherman, Ford of America's public affairs spo-kesman in Detroit, said the 36 to 10 union vote "reconfirmed our decision to cancel the plant". He confirmed that the plant would now definitely be built outside Britain. He said: This is the final chapter."

Mr Willis, who flew to Detroit with engineering unioo leaders last week to meet Mr Frank Macher, gen-eral manager of Ford's elec-trical and electronics division, asked the National Joint Negotiating Committee to "accept the single-union deal under the terms of the AEU

He told the union leaders, representing Ford's 32,000 manual workers, that the compaoy would only reconsider its decisioo to cancel a £40 million electronics factory at Dundee if they confirmed that they will neither impede its establishment nor black its products".

However, representatives of the Transport and General Workers' Union, made clear their unequivocal support for Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary, who has consistently opposed the deal.

Mr Gavin Laird, general

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am bitterly disappointed, al-though not surprised. The fact of the matter is that 1,000 jobs have been lost; 1,000 people remain unemployed in Dundee because of the trade union

Mr Laird criticized Mr Todd and Mr Ken Gill, joint general secretary of the whitecollar manufacturing, science and finance union, which also voted against the deal.

"We have lost the opportunity to be in the forefront of new technology in the car industry because of the spurious principles of those opposing the deal. The MSF and TGWU have oever negotiated better wages or conditions for their members than the

Ford unioo representatives said the single-union deal did not come under the blue-book agreement, which regulates the national terms and conditions for Ford's 22 British

Mr Gill denied that he or Mr Todd were against singleunion agreements. He said their opposition centred on wages and conditions.

 The greenfield site on the edge of Dundee, where the Ford plant was to have been built was sown with barley yesterday. Mr Stuart Stark, a farmer, who reats the field from the Scottish Development Agency, said he was prepared to lose the harvest if

Aspel finds a new life



Michael Aspel is to take over Eamonn Andrews's role as bost of This Is Your Life in a move which will make him Britain's highest paid broadcaster.

As he signed a three-year This Is Your Life contract, Mr Aspel also signed a new three-year deal with London Weekend Television to net him earnings of more than £1 million while the contracts last — and putting him ahead of Terry Wogan as television's biggest earner. Eamoun Andrews, who died in November,

had presented more than 800 episodes of the programme since it began on BBC Television

This Is Your Life was revived in 1968 by

Thames who bought it from the BBC. Exmons and his big red book were last seen by viewers earlier this year in a series including repeats of ames and three shows recorded

The deal will allow Mr Aspel, aged 55, to continue his chat show Aspel and Company and the Six O'Clock Show for London Weekend

The shortlist of top names tipped for the job included Terry Wogan and Noel Edmonds. Des O'Comor, Michael Parkinson, David Jacobs and Gloria Humiford were also reported to be in the running.

Fresh setback for seamen

Sealink strike poll refused

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Leaders of the National Unioo of Seamen suffered their second defeat in a week in the High Court yesterday, when a judge refused to allow them to hold a strike ballot among their 1,400 Sealink members.

After a two-hour hearing in private, Mr Justice Latey ruled that company assurances about the immediate future of union jobs at the ferry ports effectively meant that in the eyes of the law there was no trade dispute, and therefore a strike ballot would be unlawful.

Meanwhile, the two sides in the P&O ferry dispute at Dover are to meet for a further round of talks at the offices of Acas, the conciliation service,

Last Friday, Mr Justice Michael Davies had ordered the union to abandon a national ballot because the unioo was oot in dispute with shipping lines which would have been affected by a strike. The unioo executive sub-sequently called off the strike

The executive decided to make yesterday's application after comments by Mr James Sherwood, chairman of Sea Containers, Sealink's parent company.

He reportedly said Sealink would also seek reductions in ferry crews if rivals P&O won dispute over manning which has disrupted cross-Channel traffic for eight

Today's meeting to attempt to resolve the P&O dispute comes after an invitation to the two sides by Acas, which felt that now the complication of legal actions brought by P&O over a proposed national strike ballot were out of the way, negotiations should be

On Wednesday night P&O announced details of proposals worked out by Acas last week, which the company was prepared to accept. They in-cluded a number of concessions to the seamen's

The 2,300 P&O employees based at Dover have been on strike for eight weeks in protest at the company's plans to change manning levels.

Air fares cut by BA to combat 'dumping'

By Harvey Killett Air Correspondent

British Airways is dropping the price of transatiantic air fares in an attempt to compete with "bucket shop" sales of cut-price tickets.

New Spring Stateside Saver fares go on sale today to 17 destinations in the United States from London and two from Manchester.

They cuit up to £201 off a round trip and, for example, reduce the price of an Apex fare to New York to £299 return from £416, to Chicago to £339 from £492, to San Francisco to £439 from £576; from Manchester to Orlando from Manchester to Orlando the fare is reduced to £339 from £540.

They will carry a seven-day advanced booking require-ment and must be paid and ticketed at the time of booking. They will be available throughout Britain.

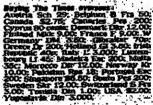
BA has been angered by airlines, especially from America, "dumping" spare tickets in bucket shops which are then sold at cut-price rates, and the new package is de-signed to combat that.

The news of the fare cuts came as BA took delivery yesterday of the first of 10 Airbus industrie twin-engined 152-seater A320 aircraft, to be used from the end of next month on some European scheduled flights and on charter operations.

The aircraft arrived at Gatwick airport yesterday from Toulouse, and it as thought that orders worth up to £1.5 billion for Airbus Industrie may follow.

Officials were finalizing plans to hold detailed talks on the purchase of up to thirty more A320s, and BA is considering another. Airbus aircraft, the long-range four-engined A340 as a main contender to replace 39 old and noisy BAC 1-11s and 17 TriStars as well as nine DC10s formerly owned by B-Cal. The A340 with be ready for delivery in 1992, and BA is thought likely to order 20.

It was disclosed yesterday that BA is studying another Airbus product, the A330



Hurricane blew away boy's fortune

By Craig Seton

A schoolboy who lost £20,000 gambling on the Stock Exchange said yesterday that a hurricane blew away his chances of

Christopher Peach, aged 16, of Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire, said his share dealings had made a profit of almost £200,000 when disaster struck. He was speaking after Derbyshire police had told him he would not be prosecuted for deception for his calamitous financial activities, which began with a £150 birthday present.

Christopher, who is in the fifth form at Highfield Comprehensive School, Mat-lock, said his potential fortune was lost when the hurricane which struck southern England last October stopped kim telephoning his stockbrokers.

Christopher, one of four children, said that he was spending £35 a week making calls from a telephone kiosk at his school

"I intended to sell all my shares before the Stock Exchange crash to buy into the BP flotation. Unfortunately the hurricane knocked out so many phone lines that I could not raise my broker until Black Monday and by that time the shares had gone through the floor.

"A few days later I was convinced it was just a hiccup and that a rally would put it right. I bought more shares but was hit by another slump.

"The decision not to prosecute has taken a great weight off my mind", he said. "Best of all, I should now be able to pursue the chance of a career as a

stockbroker or fund analoger, if I had been convicted of anything connected with share dealing, that might not have been possible. been possible."

Derbyshire police investigated the boy's share dealings but the Crown Prosecution Service recommended that no action should be taken for possible offences of attempting to obtain services by deception or obtaining a permisary advantage by deception. advantage by deception.

Stockbrokers who dealt with him said he had successfully passed himself off as a 19-year-old businessman.

His parents, Leonard and Vera Peach feared they might have to sell their house to pay his debts. They were not available

Inquiry demanded into Ryan's gun licences

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

man to get possession of these

Mr Ross also accused the Thames Valley Police of sloppiness over its investiga-

tion of Ryan and provision of

information to the Home

The answers, from Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Sec-retary of State at the Home

Office, raise doubts about

whether Ryan was a proba-tionary member of the Dun-

more Shooting Club in Abing-don, Oxfordshire, long enough

to qualify for the full member-ship needed to obtain a fire-

Mr Ross said he was "amazed at the very high

speed with which Ryan's vari-

ous applications appear to

arms certificate.

have been handled".

An MP is demanding a public procedures that allowed this inquiry into the Hungerford massacre after written parliamentary aoswers raised doubts about the way Michael Ryan obtained his firearms certificates.

The answers to about seventy detailed questions tabled five weeks ago by Mr William Ross, Ulster Unionist MP for East Londonderry, were released yesterday.

Mr Ross intends to table further questions and to raise the matter at the report stage of the Government's post-Hungerford legislation.

"I believe every detail of the whole affair should be dragged out into public view", he said.

The object of an ioquiry

would be to find out exactly

what went wrong in public

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Social workers in child sex trial all admit criminal past

of having sexual intercourse with a girl of 14 in council care all had criminal records, a jury was told yesterday.

Tony Graham, aged 41, who denies 11 charges, includ-ing conspiring with and inciting others to have unlawful intercourse, has admitted being sentenced to nine years

Grant Orris, aged 25, yes-terday disclosed that he had been in trouble with the police between the ages of 15 and 17

John Gillespie, aged 37, said that he had been in detention centres and borstal for offences of theft and assault

Chatham, where he was employed.

Mr Robert Fischel, for the prosecution, said that Mr Graham was well aware that the girl was of an age where she could not consent, although there was no sugges-tion that she was not a willing participant in what had

Mr Fishcel added: "She was simply being used by Graham

Another girl has said that he had sexual intercourse with

Sheppey.

She also said that Mr Graham urged Mr Orris, of Marylebone Grove, Dulwich, south London, to seduce her. The girl added that Mr Graham once looked on while five men went into a bedroom one after another to perform sexual acts with her.

All three defendants have strenuously denied the allegations.

Mr Graham, who has said that he was brought up in "the rough end" of Merseyside, has admitted having been sent to detention centres and borstal and been "right through the system from start to finish."

He said that he had decided to make a fresh start the day before he received the nineyear sentence.

Mr Graham told the jury: "On the day before I was due to be sentenced for the robbery one of my co-defendants committed suicide in an adjoining cell.

"I realized there and then it was a tragic waste of his life and that all the things that had brought him to this applied to "I was determined to

my time in prison doing courses and examinations.

Motorway speeding

"On my release I was offered the job of social

The younger girl has told worker and was told the type the jury of a session of of life 1 had led was identical intercourse she had with Mr to that being led by the kids I Graham and Mr Gillespie, of was being asked to look after Silverdale Avenue, Minster, and that it would be certainly helpful to them if I could use' my experiences of life to stop them making the same

mistakes." He applied to Kent County Council for a joh as a car mechanic but after long interviews, in which he disclosed full details of his past, he said he was offered the joh as a social worker because it was thought his experiences would enable him to understand the problems of delinquent

In evidence yesterday he. said the girl's stories were "total fabrication". Mr Graham added: "Anyone who works as I did with young girls in care is in danger of being in my position".

Mr Orris and Mr Gillespie have also described the girls' stories as fabrication.

Miss Alison Vale, a social worker with whom Mr Graham was living at the time of the alleged offences and the mother of their two-year-old child, said he was "a great charmer".

Miss Vale told the jury she left Mr Graham because she could not trust him after he had admitted to her that he was having an affair with another social worker at the centre where he worked.

The trial was adjourned until Tuesday.

Post Office still failing on efficiency

The Post Office is still failing to meet delivery targets or achieve improvements in service suggested by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the House of Commons was told

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for

He said the commission could not decide whether the Post Office monopoly was in the public interest until those recommendations had been followed.

the 1,500 crown post offices might he closed or become private sub post offices after the commission reports on the efficiency of counter services.

However, he said he recognized that the Post Office was anxious to develop its counter trade by offering financial services like those of huilding societies

Mr Clarke acknowledged that significant progress had been made since the commission reported, especially in the introduction of mechanization and improved working methods.

Among the commission recommendations which the Post Office is trying to meet is the establishment of standard times and costs for letter post and a productivity scheme based on them.

Other recommendations still not met iocluded the introduction of a computerized system for manpower statistics. the computerization of an airmail bags records system and replacement of sorting machines for the foreign mail section. It was disappointing, Mr Clarke said, that that the introduction of the new systems and machinery needed had been so long delayed.

Armada cannon reaches target Portfolio
—PLUS NEW— Accumulator

Spanish holiday surprise

Spain and a housewife share the daily Portfolio prize of £4.000.

Mrs Margaret Nosek, of Taplow, Buckinghamshire, will be told of her win on holiday by family friends who say she has played the competition since it started and has been a life-long reader of The Times.

Also enjoying a £2,000 windfall is Mrs Brenda Eastham, of The Close, Claverton Village, Bath, Avon, who said she would use some of the money to huy a new car and the rest to visit her two daughters, one studying at Leeds University and the other a veterinary surgeon in the Orkney Islands.

Rates money keeps lord's home in style

A five-ton bronze siege gun of 1556 from the wreck of the Spanish Armada transport ship, Trinidad Valencera, which would have been used to batter the walls of London, being hanled into the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, south London, yesterday to be part of the 1588-1988 Armada exhibition, which opens on April 20 (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance). Thousands of pounds of ratepayers cash is being used to cut the lawns around Lord Methuen's Wiltshire estate because of legal red tape.

The Elizabethan mansion and gardens are kept spic and span with money which would otherwise he spent on education.

County council officials have admitted he is legally entitled to £120,000 a year for the next 78 years under an agreement when Corsham Court, aear Chippenham, Wiltshire, was taken over for

an art college, now moved Mr Don Foster, council education committee chairman, said yesterday that Lord Methuen had indicated he would want a million to break the lease.

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor Mr Clarke gave a warning that some of

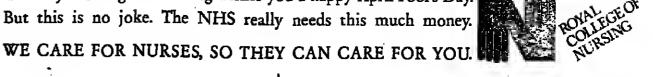
vesterday.

Trade and Industry, said there were eight recommendations made by the commission which the Post Office had failed fully to implement.

and insurance companies.



The Royal College of Nursing wishes you a happy April Fool's Day. But this is no joke. The NHS really needs this much money.



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The prosecution at Maid-stone Crown Court has alleged that Mr Graham, of Charles, Street, Strood, Kent, seduced the girl while she was in care at the family support centre at

for the sexual gratification of change things and spend all himself and his friends"

her when she was 15.

400 trapped in video blitz By Rodney Cowton and David Cross

been caught by speed detec- April 25. tors exceeding the 50 mph limit on a contraflow along the M6 and M61 which police

describe as one of Britain's most dangerous stetches of sometimes unmarked cars. And on the Al in Cambridgesbire, more than

600 drivers made illegal Uturns in a 12-hour period, a video survey has found.

ingly being used. ... It is expected that Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, will next week announce that a mandatory limit is to be imposed on all

contraflows: On the three-mile doing 80 mph. contraflow with a mandatory limit near Preston, Lancashire, police have adopted an unprecedentedly tough policy since the beginning of March.

Police said that 78 vehicles had been stopped, and the drivers were expected to

Four hundred drivers have appear before magistrates on

A further 330 had been observed, but not stopped, breaking the limit by police using speed detectors and

Many of the 330 would not have been aware that they had been detected, until they received notices at their homes telling them.

Fifty-four people have died Most speed limits at in two-and a half years on a contrations on motorways are 40-mile stretch of the M6 and only advisory but 50mph M61, in which the contraflow mandatory limits are increasing is located.

Mr Brian Johnson, Chief Constable of Lancashire, started his campaign about three weeks ago when surveys found that up to 84 per cent of drivers were ignoring the 50 mph limit, some of

In the area immediately after the contraflow, where the speed restriction still applied, virtually all drivers had ex-

ceeded the limit. Police said that although the. contraflow was equipped with television monitors they had

not been used for enforcing the speed limit.

> In the Cambridgeshire survey a video, made by the county council to persuade the Department of Transport to make a 20-mile section on the Al safer for local traffic, shows that many drivers are turning the wrong way down the fast lane to get to their turning and most are exceeding the 70 mph speed limit most of

the time. "Illegal U-turns are stupid and made even more dangerous by the speed at which vehicles are travelling". Mr Adrian Cumber, founder and organizer of the Al Action Committee, said yesterday.

"Forty foot long articulated lorries are using the gaps to turn round, blocking the fast lanes of both carriageways. That can, and has been, faral".

During the past three years an estimated 30 people have been killed in nearly 500 accidents along that section of the Al north of Huntingdon.

Most of the accidents have taken place at the 130 central reservation crossing points.

Check on pop music air time

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

The Government yesterday came to the aid of pop music lovers who believe that their favourite records are not played often enough on independent radio stations.

The stations have been complaining about the level of royalties charged by the record industry for records played over the air and about the restrictions placed on playing-time as a condition for allow-ing the records to be broad-

Yesterday Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, an-nounced that certain practices in the collective licensing of public performance and broadcasting rights were therefore being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission. The commission will report on whether it is in the public interest for the record companies, as owners of copyright, to assign their public performance and broadcast rights to a collective licensing body and for those bodies to restrict the number of broadcasts. It will also rule on royalties.

Hurd adviser for satellite TV group

next month to join British Satellite Broadcasting, which is launching four national

television services next year. Mr Edward Bickham, aged cast satellite venture. He will be responsible for regulatory and policy matters at national and European level.

Mr Bickham has advised Mr Hurd on all Home Office . policies including, until recently, broadcasting.

He worked for Mr James Prior, then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, from 1983 and became special adviser to Mr Hurd when he took over the portfolio and subsequently followed him to the Home Office.

Ministerial special advisers do not have access to information about individual companies or any influence on the letting of contracts. They do not need the clearance required by senior Civil Servants who join a company operating in the same sphere as their

former Whitehall duties. Mr Anthony Simonds-Goo-

A special adviser to Mr Doug-las Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday Mr Bickham is leaving the Home Office would have a key role in the company's relationship with Whitehall, the Independent Broadcasting Authority and Europe. "Some months ago, I realized we were not putting 31, will be head of external enough time and effort into affairs with the direct broad- government matters because people were working so hard here on other matters including recruiting staff, getting the programming right and talk-

> turers", he said. BSB has been under pres sure from some investors to lobby government departments to make sure the pace of change in broadcasting is not so rapid as to threaten the satellite venture's survival.

ing to micro-chip manufac-

A subscription film channel is expected to underpin BSB financially in its formative years. The company does not want the Government to give the go-ahead for a fifth satellite channel to be funded by subscription rather than advertising.

Mr Bickham will also act as a special assistant to the chief executive, ensuring that decisions on programming, marketing, finance and operations are carried out.

Move to get the timing right By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Britain will face darker moru-ings and lighter evenings under a proposed shift in summer time being considered by Mr Douglas Hard, the

Home Secretary. He announced three options yesterday for determining there to set the clocks with the hope that at least one can satisfy the majority of the public, industry and the EEC.

However, he hinted that the hose who want lighter 3. Such a system was World War. It was tried again between 1968 and 1971 but discontinued because of opposition to dark, winter marines.

He is under pressure to make a decision before 1990 so that clocks can be harmonized throughout the EEC.

In his consultation paper published yesterday he sug-• Ending summer time in late

one hour in the winter and two hours in the summer to bring in an even longer period of evening daylight. Keeping the present system of Greenwich Mean Time in

the winter and putting the

clocks forward one hour in the

summer months, Mr Hard said: "After this consultation process has been completed, the Government will canvass public and par-liamentary opinion

The Home Office is calli-

First Maundy Thursday when poor lose cash'

Rulers were taking mon-ey from the poor for the first time in the history of Maundy Thursday, Mr Neil Kinnock said, to Labour cheers, when he again harried the Prime Minister over Government changes in social security benefits.

During questions, the Leader of the Opposition said that from tomorrow, when her changes in housing benefit and rates relief came into effect, an elderly woman oo basic pensioo would, because of the 20 per cent rule, have to pay £2 a week instead of getting £100 rates relief.

A war widow aged 87 with a small occupational pension would lose housing benefit or have it reduced by £17.87. A couple in work with a joint net income of £82 a week would lose £16.50 in help with their rates. £16.50 in belp with their rates

"This historic day is the first Maundy Thursday in history when when instead of giving money to the poor, rulers are taking money away from the poor" (Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: First, more is being given to the poor, a great deal more. Expenditure on so-cial security has gone up from £16 hillion to £46 hillion, an enormous increase, and is going up a further £2 billion next year. That means that the average family is now paying £64 a week to finance social security.

Yes, we have had structural changes. They were meant to re-target the money spent so that disabled people, families with children and in low-paid work

Cash with transitional protection and income support means than 97 per cent of the sick and disabled, 92 per cent of couples with children, 89 per cent of single parents and 87 per cent of pensioners get more or the

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister is making the same stupid mistake - (Conservative protests) - as she made with the NHS. Doesn't she realize that

The Prime Minister rejected a demand by Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, that the Government should rethink

what he described as its "appall-

ingly short-sighted response" to

this week's report on Aids and

Dr Owen said that, in Edin-burgh, half of those people who were on injectable drugs had the

HIV virus, the most likely route

for Aids to reach the hetero-

control drug users, we run a serious risk of Aids spreading to the community as a whole."

Mrs Thatcher: I do not agree.

We have tried to get over an

excellent education policy and tried to make excellent facilities

"Unless money is spent to

sexual community.

PRIME MINISTER

rangements for housing benefit and the loss of rates relief. So that is utterly irrelevant.

She can play the numbers game as much as she likes. There are nine million people in poverty now. There were six million reckoned to be in poverty in 1979.

She can talk about targets as much as she likes. If the targets mich as she likes, it the targets missed include war widows, people who are desperately sick, hundreds of thousands of poor people, her targets are rubbish (loud Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: He is saying that we must never, never have a restructuring of social security if anyone loses (Labour prolests). It is an absolutely ridiculous thing to say. He ignores the enormous increase. We deliberately did reconstruct We erately did reconstruct. We deliberately did have changes.

Ninety-seven per cent of the sick and disabled, 92 per cent of couples with children, 89 per cent of single parents, 87 per cent of pensioners get more or

Mr Kianock: In order to get those figures, she has had to lump together gainers and those who are reckoned to be neither gainers nor losers.

The minister who compiled those figures had to go to the select committee yesterday and admit that those reckoned to be neither gainers nor losers are already losers because, as he put it, their benefits were frozen in

About £650 million is taken away from bousing benefit. Seven hundred thousand people will lose everything. There are people who have put a few bob away to tide them over through their old age. She is cutting them off without a penny,

Mrs Thatcher: £16 billion to £46 billion, going up a further £2 hillion is, even on his arithmetic, an enormous increase.

Mr Ienan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon, Pl C): Since she is so dismissive of the views of Citizens Advice Bureaux, does

police, the Football Association and the clubs had done a good deal to stamp out soccer booli-

of her own party, who said yesterday that pensioners with modest savings could lose up to £10 a week in housing benefit as a result of changes. Will she give a straight answer?

Mrs Thatcher, It was a matter of policy that housing benefit should be cut where people have £6,000 in addition to ownership of a house. It was a matter of policy that they should not be entitled to housing benefit.

Every two households in this country support themselves and a third household. There is a limit to housing benefit and we think we have it right. People without capital should not be forced to pay to those with sums of up to £6,000.

Mr Harry Barnes (North East Derbyshre, Lab): In a moment of weakness on the Cross, Jesus said: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" When we return, why will the Govern-ment by then have forsaken the poor (Conservative protests)?

Mrs Thatcher: As I have already indicated, the Government does not have resources. The people do. People are already paying £46 billion in state social security. It is going up by a further £2 billion. The average family will pay £64 a week to social security. That is a very considerable amount.

 During questions about forth coming business, Mr Frank Dobson, Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, asked if, should the Opposition take up the Prime Minister's invitation to put a motion to cancel the social security changes, the Government would provide time for it to be debated? Would the Prime Minister take part in such a debate?

He said that if she did, she would be able to display to the whole country her expertise in robbing the poor to pay the rich. Mr John Wakeham, Leader

of the Commons, replied that there was an established proce-dure for the Opposition to use its own days to discuss matters of its own choosing.

He had no doubt that who-ever replied to the debate would see the Opposition off once

Response to Aids under fire • The co-operation between the police, the Football Association and the clubs had done a good rejected by the Prime Minister

deal to stamp out soccer boomganism, but there was still a long
way to go, Mrs Thatcher said at
question time,

Thatcher goes to church over
Easter, will she see whether the collection is to go to the fabric fund and, if it is, reflect, as she asked by Mrs Maureen Hicks (Wolverhampton North East, C) fund and, if it is, reflect, as she to congratulate the chief superintendent of police in Wolver-plate, that 15 per cent is going to plate, that 15 per cent is going to her next door neighbour (the

hampton and the 250 officers involved on their successful Chancellor of the Exchequer). initiative earlier this week. Would she therefore have Mrs Hicks said that they had to see whether VAT can be to continue to detect and punish removed from repairs to listed buildings, especially churches. violent football offenders.

Mrs Thatcher: I think that the

police in all parts of the country Mrs Thatcher: The Easter are to be congratulated on their determined efforts to tackle football booliganism and to collection normally goes to the clergy. She said, however, that she took his point. "It has been track down those responsible. considered many times and I do An Easter appeal that value-added tax should oot be charged not think that there will be any change in the decision made."

Drink sale ban for

garages The House of Lords voted against Government advice, to ban the sale of alcohol in

garages. An amendment, moved by Viscount Brentford (C) during the report stage of the Licensing Bill, was approved by 63 votes

to 45 - majority against the Government, 18. Peers also approved an amendment to allow off-li-cences to open half an hour earlier in the morning - at 8am instead of 8.30am.

Lord Brentford, a founder of the Keep Sunday Special campaign, said that the licensing of 150 garages to sell alcohol undermined the Government's case for discouraging drinking and driving

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that there was no evidence to show that where alcohol was sold in garages it encouraged drink-driving. The licensed garages were mainly in remote rural areas and served as general

Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab) and Lord Sainsbury (SDP) moved an amendment to allow 8am off-licence opening.

Lord Graham said that the move was supported by the sented 90 per cent of the retail trade. The present situation caused confusion and irritation in shops which opened at 8am This was very inconvenient for those shopping on their way

to work.

Earl Ferrers agreed that move was in keeping with the spirit of the Bill by removing an un-necessary and ontdated renecessary striction.

The report stage was con-cluded.

'Inquest will answer questions'

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: People without capital should not be forced to give to those with sums of up to £6,000

Rebuke for Amnesty national has asked is a stunt

Mrs Thatcher joined with Mr lan Gow (Eastbourne, C), in suggesting to Amnesty Inter-national that it should be more concerned about the IRA's record than about the death of three of its members in Gibral-tar. He called the Amnesty "a stunt without

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Mr Gow: When she replies to the letter from Amnesty Inter-national on behalf of the three terrorists, mercifully now dead, will she point out that it is the organization to which those terrorists belonged that has been in massive breach of all decent in massive oreach of an electric standards relating to burnan rights, and further point out that there has to be an inquest carried out before a jury in Gibraltar and that the inquiry for which Amnesty Inter-

without status.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree with almost every word that Mr Gow has put so ably. I bope that Amnesty International has the same concern for more than 2,000 people murdered by the IRA since 1969. There will be an inquest in Gibraltar and that is the proper occasion for these matters to be examined.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pem-broke, C): Recent tragic events reinforce the vital importance of the Army supporting the civil power in Northern Ireland and that if the Troops Out move-ment were successful, it would place innocent lives in jeopardy.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree. North-ern Ireland is part of the United inquest.

of withdrawing.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on Com-mons affairs, later asked for a ministerial statement explaining exactly what happened in

Gibraltar.
He said that the Opposition recognized that the security services had been rightly concerned to stop a terrorist explo-sion in Gibraltar, but be wanted to know how the press came to be misled into carrying false information about the sub-

sequent shooting. Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, said that any questions that might not be answered at the inquest to be held in Gibraltar would be more

'deserves long holiday' dismantle or neutralize legiti-

A Labour MP who accused the Government of authoritarian-ism, extra-parliamentary activity, degrading democratic insti-tutions, creating a climate similar to that of an East European country and using the police as a paramilitary wing of government, was living in Cloud-cuckoo-land, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil vice. Said durin the Commons.

The charges came from Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South) during a debate on the powers of the Executive. He said that it should more appro-priately have been cutifled. The drift towards a one-party state. The trend towards centraliza-

tion of power over the past 10 years was causing concern to many people, including some Conservative MPs. The Government was using its power to

mate opposition and, to that end, institutions had been reduced to instruments of the state and, in some cases, of the Conservative Party.

There was a tendency for those in office to denounce dissenters as "loomes", mad or enemies within, without addressing the issues they raised. That was an unhealthy trend

The power amassed by the Government, covering the ju-diciary, the police, the officer corps of the armed forces, leading elements in industry and finance, the Civil Service, senior the Board of Governors of the BBC, was unmatched in any country outside the Stalinist

The Prime Minister even spoke, not of defeating the opposition but of eliminating it.

Mr Luce said that after such an extraordinary speech Mr Mullin deserved a long holiday. He was living in a world of his own. It seemed he was really sincere in what he had been saying, and that was the most extraordinary thing.

The whole objective of the Government had been to devolve power away from the Executive back to individuals. with a reduction in central controi. It had made a bonfire of planning and development controls, of exchange controls, of regulation, of unnecessary restrictions on business.

Power had been returned to the people through privatiza-tion, through wider share ownership, including employee share ownership, through council house sales and by strength-ening the power of trade unionists over their unions.

Debate wanted on 'lost' papers

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) called during business questions for a debate on what he said was the extraordinary saga of disappearing documents that were in the Public Records Office and which related to war crimes in general and to the allegations against President Wald-heim of Austria in particular.

He asked for the attention of the Foreign Secretary to be drawn to the article in The Times on this subject. ance that British military intelligence would not take yet more information out of

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, re-plied that he would refer the newspaper report to the Foreign Secretary.

Shipping Bill is passed

The Government has taken power, in an amend-ment to the Merchant Shipping Bill, to restrict the use of non-British ships in trade between British ports.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, made clear, when be moved the amendment in the Commons, that he would prefer an EEC agreement removing all restrictions on cabotage, but said that it would be prudent to have powers in reserve in case European negotiations were unsuccessful. The amendment was agreed to and the Bill was read the third time without a division early on Thursday.

Light aircraft accidents

A Civil Aviation Authority group has been studying light aircraft safety after a rise in fatal acsafety after a rise in tala ac-cidents last year, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons debate, Its report will be published before the end of April.

The number of fatal accidents rose to 25 last year and there were four micro-light fatal accidents. From 1981 to 1986 the number of fatal accidents a year varied from 13 to 20.

Standard for equipment

The British Standards Institution is preparing a new standard for children's play equipment and it is expected to be completed this year, Mr Robert Dunn, Under Secretary of State, Education and Science, said in the Commons early on Thursday in an adjournment debate on playground

He said that British Standards did not have statutory force but provided valuable and influential

available and put a large amount into extra research. We have the balance right. 'Identity cards' for students in poll tax cut

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Certificates proving an entitle-ment to an 80 per cent dis-wrote to Dr John Cunningcharge are to be issued by universities and colleges to all 600.000 full-time students when the poll tax is introduced in 1990, it was disclosed yesterday.

The move was denounced by Labour as the first step towards the issue of identity

The Government also dis-closed that it may take powers to compel campus authorities to supply local councils with the names and term time addresses of full-time students.

The moves, aimed at ensuring the "smooth and efficient" registration of students for the community charge and "avoiding possible abuse of the concession", were unveiled by Mr Michael Howard, minister responsible for local government.

He said it was clearly important that full-time stu-dents, who would pay only 20 per cent of the personal community charge, should be correctly and readily identified for registration purposes.

Accordingly, the Local Government Finance Bill would be amended at its report stage later this month to include a requirement that universities and colleges should issue certificates to full-time students, confirming their status.

"These certificates will make it straightforward for students to claim the student discount as well as assisting community charge registra-

the environment. The proposals were criticized by Labour as a further illustration of the "Big Brother" realities behind the

ham, Labour spokesman on

Dr Cunningham said: "The Government is now definitely planning to introduce the first poll tax identity cards.

Students are to be, in Micbael Howard's words, correctly and readily identified' for the purposes of the poll tax

"The Labour Party has argued all along that this pathetic and bureaucratic poll tax would end in identity cards being issued in Britain. It seems that students are to be the first of many."

The proposals were also condemned by the National Union of Students. It said that students were being made "guinea pigs" for the wider issue of identity cards.

"It is an invasion of privacy of students and will be resented by them and will cause problems for the relationship between students and university and college authorities", a

spokesman said. Mr Howard said he would consult campus authorities on the possibility of setting up satisfactory informal procedures" for the supply of the Shotton plant in Clwyd. information.

However, the Government would seek to amend the Bill to give it reserve powers to set up statutory arrangements later if such agreement did not

Abortion reform Bill

Alton prepares to fight off sabotage

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Mr David Alton is to intensify his nationwide campaign to mobilize public support for his abortion reform Bill in an attempt to outmanocuvre MPs intent on killing it through procedural devices. The Bili completed its com-

mittee stage on Wednesday night but Mr Alton's opponents are confident that they can talk out the Bill at its report stage in the Commons on May 6.

They plan to table amend-ments signed by so many MPs that the Speaker will have little choice but to accept them for debate. Mr Alton's supporters are determined to ensure there is a

public outcry if they succeed and that there would be ir-resistible pressure on the Government to make further time

Between now and May 6 every MP is to be sent two



Mr David Alton: determined to reform the law.

called *Eclipse* of Reason, which shows a late abortion There is to be a mass lobby of Parliament on April 26 and 27 and on the second day a

tillion-signature petition will presented to Downing A record is to be released of



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Mr John Wakeham, Les of the House, who would have to decide whether to make time available, is understoo have been heavily lobbied by

strict conditions, on the

musician to dissuade his daughter from having

Sir Bernard Braine, the

chairman of the all-party pro life group, said at a press conference yesterday: "If we are sabotaged again by a small minority using procedural devices there will be a rising tide nf anger". The Bill emerged almost nscathed from committee. Mr Alton's supporters moved amendments permitting abor-tions after 18 weeks, subject to

grounds of severe foetal disability and for girls under 18 in the case of rape and child It was clear from yes-terday's press conference that to secure a safe majority - if a vote is held — a relaxation of the proposed deadline to 20

weeks is probable. Mr Alton said: "The Cassandras said we would never get through second reading, never get into committee never emerge from committee By being quite determined in our efforts and trying to bring the majority of the House with us we have been successful so

Loss of tax relief will mean

husbands have to be dragged

"kicking and screaming into court" before they agree to

give financial support, the SDP leader says in a letter to

On the day after the Budget

the Chancellor.

Paisley dampens Ulster optimism

By David Nicholson-Lord

mate were dealt a blow yesterday with a bardline intervention from the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party.

On his return from a week's visit to the United States, Mr Paisley ruled out talks on a new constitutional settlement without a suspension of the Anglo-Irish agreement. He said there were no circum-stances in which the DUP would enter negotiations with Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA.

Although his stand is re-affirmation of existing DUP policy, its emphatic delivery will deflate the mood of cautious optimism building up in the province during the past few days.

Signs of a new flexibility in the Unionist camp, where Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, spoke ine the "totality of relation- Ireland."

Growing signs of political ships" between Britain and movement in the Ulster stale- Ireland, have been paralleled by talks between the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party and

> On Tuesday SDLP leaders also met Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. But Mr Paisley, speaking at the opening at Belfast City Hall of a book of condolences for the two British soldiers killed at an IRA funeral rejected the possibility of direct talks with the SDLP.

He said the Anglo-Irish greement had to be put on the sidelines if the search was begun for an alternative to it. Asked about attempts by Mr John Hume, leader of the SDLP, to persuade Sinn Fein to end the campaign of vi-olence, Mr Paisley added: "We will not be sitting down with Sinn Fein, full stop. We will not be negotiating with those who have carried out the recently of the need to exam- awful murders in Northern

terms of the Bill and the other, a song written by a rock most senior Tory MP and **SNP** defends state steel Men resisting alimony, says Owen

The long-term future of the Ravenscraig plant can be guaranteed only by a publicly owned, integrated Scottish steel industry, the Scottish National Party said yesterday. Mr Iain Lawson, the party's steel spokesman, criticized the Labour Party for promoting the "dangerous red herring" of linking the Ravenscraig works at Motherwell, Strathclyde, to

"Labour have conveniently

forgotten the pledge they made in 1986, under great pressure from the SNP, to

replace Gartensh with a new

finishing mill on the Ravens-

craig site", he said.

Mr Lawson, who quit the on privatization and com-Conservative Party over the closure of the Gartcosh steel works at Coatbridge two years ago, said Labour was wrong to believe that a link with Shotton would save Ravenscraig and Dalzell, another Strathclyde plant.

Last month, a study sup-ported by the Labour Party said the only way to save both plants was to privatize them in a separate group with Shotton. The idea, known as the RSD option, goes against the Government's wish to privatize British Steel as a single unit. However, it is in line with the

Government's overall policy

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petition. Mr Lawson argued that reliance on Shotton for steel finishing would not save Ravenscraig.

The obvious impotence of the 'feeble fifty' (a reference to Labour's 50 Scottish MPs), and the Tories' rusb towards privatization, has meant Labour would rather abandon Scottish steelworkers than be exposed yet again as unable to defend Scottish interests", he

men were seeking to reduce their maintenance payments, he said. Poverty and hardship said in Glasgow. The Labour Party had abandoned Scottish steel to save its would increase, and the increasingly conciliatory cliown political neck

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

An alarming effect of the mate in which matrimonial Budget is that men will law was conducted would be fiercely resist paying mainte- reversed. nance to estranged wives and dependants, Dr David Owen has warned Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

while the wife only paid income tax if the assistance exceeded her single person's tax allowance. The husband could gain maximum relief

Lawson's proposals mean the

Dr Owen has asked Mr

Lawson to reconsider the effect of his proposals. Before the Budget a man was entitled to full tax relief on maintenance payments,

while the wife paid minimum tax and one income could cover two households.

husband will get maximum will be fairer.

relief of £1,490 while the wife will pay no income tax.

This sounded simpler, but in reality it would mean few husbands would be able to provide adequate maintenance and more and more women and children would have to resort to social security, Dr Owen said

"It will simply impose further hardship on the single parents and their children and mean that more and more husbands default on their court orders"

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Medical experts to | Heading for the heights | Tories expect check on health workers with Aids

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An independent panel of medical experts is to be set up nrgently to advise doctors and health workers infected with the Aids virus on whether they can continue to treat patients; the Department of Health said

The move is recommended by the Government's Expert Advisory Group on Aids (EAGA) in its report published yesterday.

The report emphasizes that no transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from a doctor, ourse or other health professional to a patient has been reported anywhere in the world.

It says that provided normal precantions are followed, most clinical procedures pose no risk of HIV transmission to

But it concedes that there is "an extremely small theoretical risk" of transmitting the virus if infected surgeons, or others assisting in operations, injure themselves in such a way that their blood contaminates the blood of patients.

The report makes it clear that any member of a surgical team with Aids or HIV infection would almost certainly be required to stop taking part in invasive operations.

surgical procedures, they must also seek and act upon occupa-

A very few doctors and other NHS staff are believed to have been infected with HIV, and one British consultant kidney specialist is known to have died of Aids

Publicity about that death led to an intense debate within the medical and oursing professions about the responsibility of infected personnel to give up or alter their work to safeguard their patients. The department said last

November that all doctors who believed themselves to be infected had a duty to seek expert advice, and if necessary, to give up work. That view has been supported by the General Medical Council and the British Medical Association.

The expert advisory group emphasized that obligation yesterday. "Health care workers who consider that they have been infected with HIV should seek immediate counselling, and if appro-priate, diagnostic HIV anti-body testing", its report said.

Copies of Aids: HIV-Infected Health Care Workers have been If found to be infected, and if their duties involve sent to all health authorities and performing, or assisting in, ional organizations.

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Dani Bridge of Nottingham in the balloon in which she hopes to beat the UK altitude record next week. Miss Bridge, whose mother died of cancer, will fly in aid of cancer research. She already holds the British women's altitude record (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

nurses' rise to be paid in full

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

accept and fund fully the recommendations of the nurses' pay review body.

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Senior MPs have been convinced by contacts with ministers in the past week that the recommendations will be im-plemented. They were predicting that there could be rises of up to 20 per cent for the most skilled grades.

An influential group of more than 20 Conservative MPs has added to the pressure on the Government by tabling Commons motion praising the devotion of the Royal College of Nursing for the recent endorsement of its nostrike policy.

The motion calls oo the Government "to implement any pay award recommended by the independent review body and to fund it in full".

Mr Michael Latham, MP for Rutland and Meltoo and sponsor of the motion, said yesterday that there was "a very solid caucus of well-established and long-serving members who expect the Government to act sensibly and generously towards the health

The ecocomy was in excellent shape. There was little point in having an indepen-

A growing oumber of Tory dent review body if its recom-MPs expect the Cabinet to mendations were ignored. mendations were ignored. "Many senior Tory MPs regard the way the Government treats the recommendations as a touchstone of its future attitude to the NHS.

The recommendations are expected to land oo the Prime Minister's desk within the next few days and there is intense pressure oo the Government to take quick action.

Pay accounts for 75 per cent of the expenditure of local health authorities. There is wide cross-party agreement that they cannot adequately plan for the financial year ahead without knowing what to allocate for staff costs.

In recent years the Government has failed to fund awards in full and the all-party social services committee has calculated total underfunding since 1981 to be £1.8 billioo - a figure disputed by ministers.

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has already told the Commons that io future decisioos on public sector pay would be taken before the beginning of the new financial year. He has also warned health

authority managers that cuts in services in the coming year cannot be justified.

Pilots to face tough new tests

Private pilots are to face tougher tests of their flying skills in an attempt to stem growing numbers of air deaths.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, told the Commons that an investigation by the Civil Aviation Authority had decided that more positive and formal tests of skill were needed.

Mr Bottomley said that m 1987 private fixed-wing plane accidents resulted in 25 deaths, compared with between 13 and 20 for the years 1981 to 1986.

Waste storage

Cumbria County Council are recommending Copeland Borough Council to reject an application by British Nuclear Fuels Limited (BNF) to extend the time for storage of spent nuclear fuel from overseas at Sellafield. BNFL has December 1990 to December 1995 time limit.

Alpine cure

Asthmatic children from England are to undergo high altitude treatment in the French Alos. The European Society for Climatotherapy will accept some English children aged between seven and 15 for three-month courses of treatment near Grenoble.

Abortion file

Police investigating the case of a baby girl, who lived for more than two hours after being aborted at 21 weeks at the City General Hospital in Carlisle last July, have sent a file to the Director of Public Pros-

Diaries trial

Jacqui Bell, aged 19, of Faling, west London, was committed for trial yesterday by Ealing magistrates. She is accused of stealing diaries and a tape from Miss Fiona Wright, a former girl friend of Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of Burton.

Steptoe choice Mr Patrick Taylor, a Canadian gynaecologist, has been in-vited to take over as medical director at the Bourn Hall test tible baby clinic in Cam-bridgeshire after the death of Mr Patrick Steptoe.

Factory closes

Berger, the paint manufacturer, announced yesterday the closure of its Bristol factory with the loss of 200

BR beats cash cuts deadline

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A reduction in British Rail's subsidy, condemned as too harsh by a passenger group, has been achieved a year ahead of schedule.

In 1986 the Department of Transport told the railways to manage on a subsidy of £600 million.

It was announced yesterday that the subsidy would be £605 million in the 1988-89 financial year, starting today.

British Rail said that meant it expected to reach the Government's target a year early. Receipts had been coming in at a higher level, and costs coming down at a higher rate, than had been forecast in 1986. A prime factor was the general improvement in the economy.

However, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, which represents passengers, expressed fears that service could be affected.

The three-year target set in 1986 had been extremely tough and "we would be doubly concerned at any fur-ther tightening of the financial constraints". Improvements in service would be delayed, it

The Department of Transport said the achievement of the target was a "welcome consequence of British Rail's success in attracting more passengers and consequently in receiving greater income than was forecast when the three-year target was set".

The figure of £605 million "makes full provision for worthwhile investment to im-prove quality of service and improve efficiency".

The 25 per cent cut followed a similar reduction between 1983 and 1986.

For the first time, from today the long distance InterCity services will receive no public subsidy, and are expected to turn a loss of about £100 million in 1987-88 into a £17 million profit within two years.

British Rail receives grants only for the provincial passenger trains, excloding InterCity, and Network

British Rail said that over the past three years commuter traffic into London had risen by 15 per cent, and InterCity's revenue was up by 12 per cent in the past year.

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Nowhere more so than on the enamel bonnet badge. So in a bid to keep their nose clean, BMW have developed the Badgewash

to leave it a name reflecting little else.

system. Available as standard on the new 750iL (and as an option on all other models) it feameasures the light reflected back from the white sections of the BMW badge.

Even if a film of dirt cuts out as little as 5% of that light, the sensor will detect it and start

The system is closely linked to the acclaimed Motronic engine management system. It means the wipe pressure can actually change depending on the car's speed.

The jet washer boasts equally futuristic technology.

An ion exchange system softens the water before it's sprayed onto the badge. (Hard water would of course scratch the

enamel surface.) A fine system, you'll agree. But it's only

Plans are in the pipeline for a wheel Badgewash utilising pressure from the brake pipe.

There's even talk of an anti-static steer-

ing wheel badge for dustier climes. Clearly, BMW will go to extraordinary lengths to clear their name.

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Mr Yuk replaces the skull and crossbones

The skull and crossbones, for centuries the warning symbol for poison, is to be replaced on medicine bottles by a bright green bogeyman called Mr Yuk.

Research showed that children are not scared of the old symbol any more, so Mr Yak is being used in a new cammaign to stop children accidentally poisoning themselves.

Safety watchdags alarmed at the increase in the number of children swallowing harmful substances have copied the idea, which is to be introduced first in Liverpool, from the

Mr Glyn Thomson, Liverpool City Council environ-mental health officer said: "What children are really frightened of is being sick. This character looks as though be has swallowed something distasteful.

"It was introduced in America and was very successful in educating them. Hospital admissions for children in accidental poison cases were reduced by a third."

The Mr Yok campaign inchudes packages for scho and puppet shows. We are confident that the Mr Yuk campaign will be success-

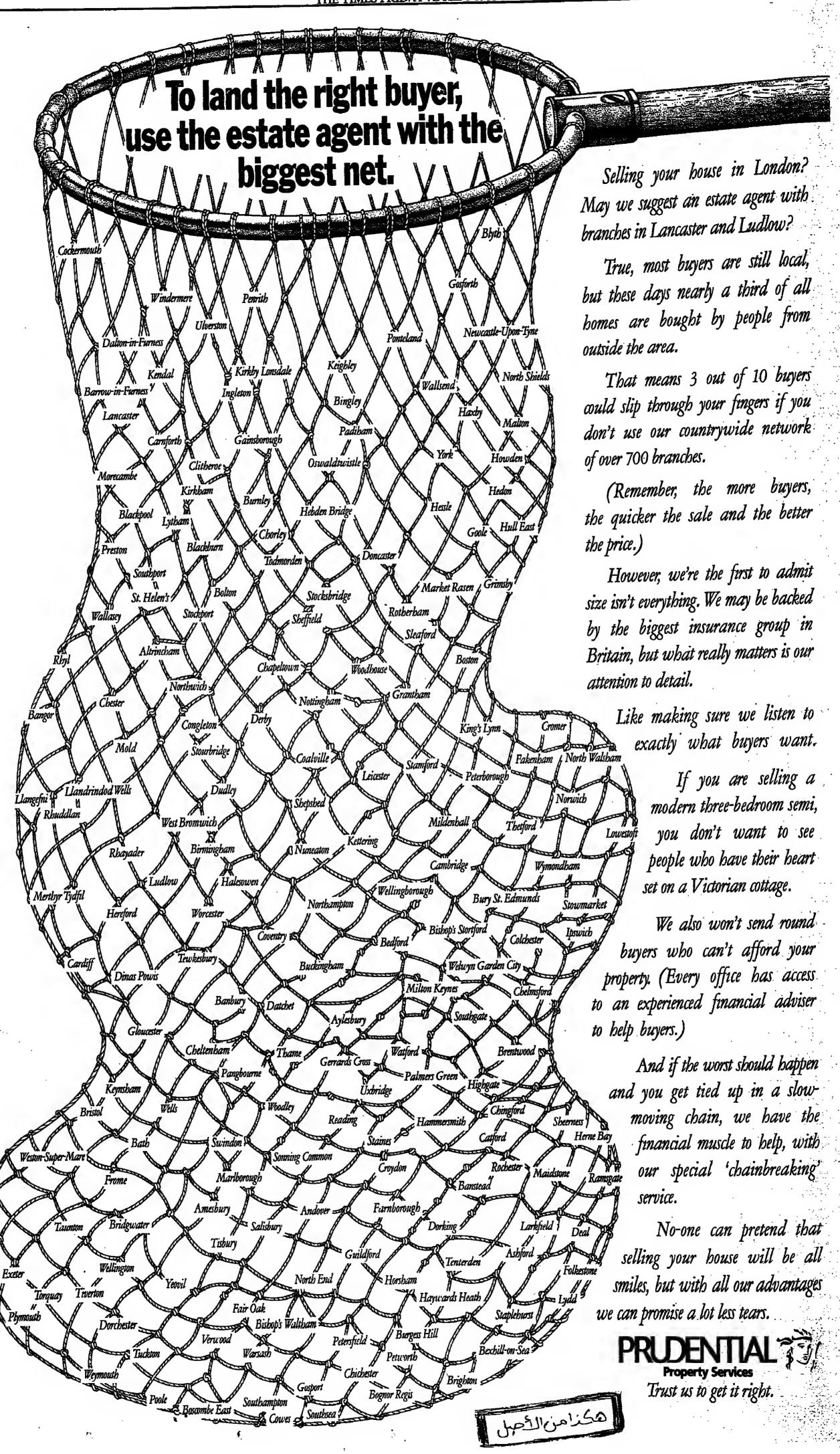
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Docklands' anger over jobs that go to outsiders

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

People living in east London' say dockland construction firms are asking them to accommodate workers being brought in from as far away as lireland, while the unemployed in their own boroughs are not heing given jobs.

He said: "This pressure is going to be maintained until the end of the 1990s and a great effort is being made to provide training facilities locally. This has many advantages, not the least being the easing of the accommodation

Some firms have been calling on residents asking if they have rooms to let for outsiders while local unemployment stands at around 17 per cent.

The problem has been high-lighted by Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour's spokesman on employment, who has written to Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, complaining that brick-layers are being recruited in Ireland and brought to docklands with offers of £600 a week wages.

However the Building Emp-loyers Confederatioo (BEC), which represents companies responsible for 75 per cent of all building work in the private sector, said every effort is being made to recruit locally and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) is planning a big training centre in the docks specifically aimed at local workers.

East Londoo officials of the Manpower Services Commission, however, say it is diffi-cult for the unemployed in the area to get jobs on huilding

One explained: "Much of the work is done by sub-cootractors, who arrive with their own staff already recruited. It is obvious that if they win a contract they will not come to the site, then start .

"Secondly, many skilled people in the construction industry are self-employed and act on a freelance basis. As a result of all this, eveo if people arrive at our job centres willing to do labouring jobs, we can only tell them to try their luck on the sites. Not many are successful."

Mr Peter Shapcott, the confederation's London region director, said most of the jobs on building sites required skills and because of the pressure of work, particularly in London firms were having in London, firms were having to look to the provinces and Ireland, which had a tradition of supplying labour.

lages, not the least being the easing of the accommodation problem." Mr Shapcott said that over the next few years recruiting for the building industry would get worse as the school population fell and fewer young people came forward. He said construction firms were adopting schools and taking pupils to look at building sites in the hope of interesting them in learning building skills.

Already more than 21 500

Already, more than 21,500 young people take up construction courses through Youth Training Scheme (YTS) each year, with between 50 and 60 per cent of them going on to qualify in the areas where skills are most needed such as bricklaying, plastering and carpentry.

Normal apprenticeships last three years, but a YTS trainee does one year on a course and two and a half years on-site training. The CTTB also runs adult-entry training courses.

Some bricklayers are now earning as much as £600 a week on the prestige building sites through high productiv-ity and long hours. But yes-terday, Mr Jack Newby, director general of the confed eration, wrote to Mr Fowler denying Mr Sheerman's assertion that his organization was sending recruiting teams to Ireland to find bricklayers.

He wrote: "Our member companies are invariably willing to recruit properly trained local operatives where these are available and the BEC, MSC and CITB are already developing a number of measures to provide further training opportunities for local people in docklands."

Officials of the Eurotunnel consortium - Trans-Manche Link (TML) - have sent a recruiting team to Cairo, Hong Kong and Europe to find skilled workers. They need 4,000 manual workers and applications for these jobs already number 40,000. Personnel staff are interviewing between 600 and 800 men

Weekend food prices

New season lamb is of top quality

The kind weather has helped to bring good supplies of new season lamb to market in time about £2.45 a lb and bass season lamb to market in time about £2.4 for Easter and the quality is £5.50 a lb.

Prices vary considerably in different areas, but the Meat and Livestock Commission says about £2.60 a lb is a fair price for a whole leg. Whole shoulder is about £1 a lb less.

This seasoo lamb legs are about £1.79 a lb and shoulder an average £1.04 a lb. New Zealand lamb legs range from £1.30 to £1.59 a lb.

If beef is your choice there are some good offers available on topside and silverside. The average price of fillet steak is up by 9p a lb in the South-east and boned and rolled sirloin is about £3.04 a lb.Rib roast is about £1.59 a lb.

Pork prices are unchanged since last week. Whole leg costs an average £1.08 a lb and boncless shoulder £1.26 a lb. There are plenty of 5lb to 7lb

Some fresh fish prices have increased because of seasonal demand but quality and supplies are good. Herring and mackerel are cheaper, down 2p a lb to an average 84p and 69p respectively. Cod cutlets are about £2 a lb and fillets are about £2 a lb and fillets £2.30 a lb.

Haddock fillets are £1.50 topside and sil are £1.89 a lb.

Sainsburys le

Dover Sole in some areas is as little as £2.20 a lb but could be as much as £6 a lb elsewhere. South coast plaice is of particularly good quality roast is £3.99 each. Dewhurst is of particularly good quality selling at £2.60 for fillets and £1.40 for a whole fish.

Among the selection of exotic fish at Billingsgate this week were pomfiret at £3.45 a £1.98 a lb, and whole smoked lh, baracuda £4 a lb, snapper bacon collar £1.52 a lb.

Huge tuna sets record within hours into fresh steaks

A deep sea fisherman, Kevia McHugh, caught 2 huge tuna which fetched a record £2,000 which fetched a record 22,000 at Dublin market yesterday. The 704lb fish — 10ft long with a 12ft girth — was netted from 1,200ft, 30 miles west of Ireland's Blasket Islands by Mr. McHugh's £10 million traver. Vernous 2.

trawler, Veronica.

Freshwater fish in good supply meludes farmed salmoo steaks between £3.90 and

£4.80 depending oo size. Wild salmon is about £7 a lb and trout £2.20 a lb. Round lettuce is plentiful.

Savoy cabbages and Brussels sprouts are nearing the end of their season but should be available for Easter. Two favourites, iceberg lettuce at 80p to £1.10 each, and broc-coli at 80 to £1.15 a lb, are more expensive this week. Cauliflowers at 50p to 70p a

head are excellent quality. Other good vegetable buys are mushrooms at 40p to 75p a half pound, courgette at 55p to 75p a ib, cabbages 17p to 30p a ib and potatoes at 11p to 15p a

Fruit available include apples, pears and red, yellow and black plums between 60p and 80p a lb. Black, white and flame grapes are 60p to £1.50 a. lb. Oranges are 6p to 25p each.

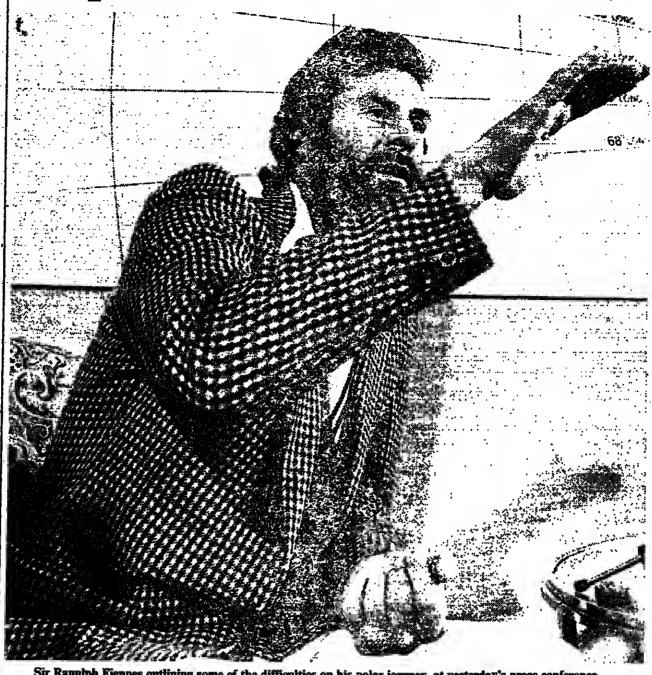
Good offers at super markets are Tesco, fresh whole turkeys at 98p a lb, fresh home produced lamb leg at £1.69 a lb, and whole scotch salmon at £2.99 a lb. Asda topside and silverside of beef

Sainsburys leg or pork quar-ter cut is 98p a lb, grade A frozen turkeys 48p a lb, and pork loin chops £1.18 a lb. Beiam frozen turkeys are 48p fresh-style frozen turkeys are from £4.49 each, whole New Zealand lamb at 59p a lb, Safeway topside and silverside at

Auctioneers said it was the biggest fish sold in Ireland. Mr McHugh, aged 41, said: "They've seen a lot of fish of all types and sizes in this port. But they cheered as when we came ashore with this one."

He added that it was unusual for tuna to be caught in European waters at this time of year. "It must have been a stray which came up in the

Explorer mulls over lessons of failure



Sir Rannlph Fiennes outlining some of the difficulties on his polar journey, at yesterday's press conference

Sir Ranulph Figures returned from the Arctic yesterday undeterred and unabashed that his expedition had covered less than one of the seven degrees of latitude separating him from the North Pole.

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At Polar Control in London, short row of dots on a map marked the final resting place of the Great British Polar Quest, but no one was critical. At best, trudging to the North Pole dragging 400lb on a sledge trembles on the mareins of human capabibility.

Admiral Pirie, Sir Ranulph pointed out, had taken 25 years before he could claim to have reached the Pole. He had been trying for only four years and the timetable was already prepared for another attempt

What lessons had been learnt? Well, there was the question of outriggers to sta-bilize the sledges when they were used as canoes to cross water. And perhaps a two-man team would have more canole logistically than three people trying to make a self-sustained attempt to cover the 425 miles to the Pole.

Anything else, anything bi-zarre? Yes, Sir Ranulph said, they could do with fewer scientific experiments.

Dr Mike Stroud, a kidney specialist, had been interested to measure the amounts of water the human body produced at times of extreme stress and temperature. This had involved producing a sample in a bottle and as they were required to drink seven pints of water a day, stops were frequent. "The result was that I got inconveniently frost nipped."

More staff to tackle delays on passports

By John Winder

The Home Office is taking special measures to meet an expected heavy demand for passports this summer. Already this year the demaod for new and changed passports is 25 per cent up on the same period in 1987 and more staff are to be recruited at all passport offices.

Mr Timothy Renton, Min-ister of State at the Home Office, said in the Commons yesterday that overtime is also: to be worked at weekends and personal callers will be granted an immediate free short-term extension of an expired passport.

When a person has posted an application which cannot be traced, emergency travel documents will be issued to a personai caller.

Governments of countries to which Britons most frequeotly travel have been asked if they will accept uncancelled passports not more than five years out of

date.
The Government is also trying to get the cheaper oneyear visitor's passport accepted in more countries. These should soon be available at Post Offices six days a week instead of five.

Already, the United States, Israel, The Netherlands, Hoog, Kong and Antigua and Barhuda have agreed to accept both out-of-date and visitors' passports.

Computerization will begio at the Glasgow office in July and work will be dispersed there as soon as possible.

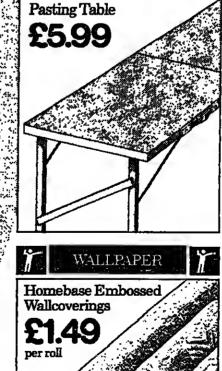
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Pentagon denies plan to cut SDI

Washington — The Pentagon is insisting that there will be "no backing off, phasing down, or anything else" of President Reagan's original concept of a comprehensive strategic defence system as envisaged five years ago (Mohsin Ali writes). The Pentagon spokesman said that no one in the Pentagon had changed the President's goals and objectives for the Strategic Defence Initiative. "Any suggestion that we are going to stop with a first phase deployment that only protects American military installations is just plain

An article in *The Washington Post* last Sunday had said the Pentagon's immediate goal was to develop a system to protect vital US military installations from Soviet attack instead of the massive "space security shield" the President had first envisaged to protect American cities.

Jet crash Cypriot bases plea kills two

Dr George Vassiliou, the Bonn - An American F 16 new President of Cyprus, jet fighter on a formation said in London yesterday that he would like to see the British military bases on the island withdrawn (Andrew McEwen writes).

But he used talks with Mrs' Thatcher to press for a more active British interest in resolving the I4-year split between the Greek and Turkish halves of the island. They called their meeting "quietly hopeful", but Whitehall sources said that Mrs Thatcher had no inten-

jet fighter on a formation training flight crashed on Forst, near Karlsruhe, yes-terday, killing the pilot and a man in one of three houses

destroyed by a fire (John England writes). Fears of poisonous fumes from the burning wreckage led to the evacuation of 300 people in the village.

The accident came two days after a French fighter crashed in a wood near three nuclear power plants in Ba-varia. Police said that the site of yesterday's crash was tion of allowing the Cyprus site of yesterday's crash was issue to dominate her visit to nine miles from the nearest

Mulroney's changes Ottawa (AFP) - The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Brian

Mulroney, yesterday carried out a big Cabinet reshuffle, naming his Ambassador to France, Mr Lucien Bouchard, as

Mr John Crosbie, the Transport Minister and an advocate of free trade with the US, is replaced by the Employment and Immigration Minister, Mr Benort Bouchard. Mr Crosbie takes over as International Trade Minister, replacing Mr Pat Carney, who is named President of the Treasury Board, which monitors government spending.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Don Mazankowski, who had been in charge of the Treasury Board, has been put in charge of the Ministry of State for Privatization, replacing Ms Barbara McDougall, who takes over the employment and immigration portfolio from Mr Gerry Weiner. He becomes the Minister of State for Multiculturalism.

Jackson woos power-brokers

From Michael Binyon Washington

The Rev Jesse Jackson, moving adroitly to consolidate his position as a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, was in Wisconsin yesterday campaigning with the un-official blessing of many of the party elders.

He invited some of the most respected Democratic powerbrokers to a get-acquainted breakfast on Wednesday and strongly impressed them.

The old wineskins are expanding and making room for new wine," he said afterwards.

Mr Clark Clifford, the former Defence Secretary who has advised eight presidents, called it an "extraordinary event". He stopped short of endorsing Mr Jackson, but his praise will boost Mr Jackson's standing as he prepares to take on Governor Michael Du-kakis in Wisconsin next week. With both men running neck-and-neck the primary is seen as a vital precursor to the

huge New York race, which, with 255 delegates, is likely to be decisive in establishing a front-runner. The meeting was organized by Mr Bert Lance, President Carter's former budget direc-

tor, who has become a leading adviser to Mr Jackson. It epitomized Mr Jackson's quest for full acceptance and his demand to be accepted in the circle of powerful party

Sipping coffee in an elegant Washington hotel with 30 of the Democrats' inner circle, he attempted to allay the panic his rise has caused in the party, outlining his policies and giving the group a chance to question him. He asked them to rally round him if he' got more votes than any other candidate. Mr Clifford said the party would never stoop to a "stop Jackson" movement.

from Jewish voters. Already the battle for this influential block, constituting 25 per cent Wisconsin, which votes on of the Democratic vote, has

gling farmers and memployed

He needs a convincing show

of support to bolster him for

the New York primary the following week where he faces

opposition, especially

industrial workers.

Mr Jackson discussing policy with his campaign manager, Mr Gerald Austin, as they travelled to Milwankee for the Wisconsin primary. They want to use the state as a springboard to build support for their critical battle in New York. Tuesday, may be fertile ground for Mr Jackson. With a led to fierce debate on the

Middle East. Senator Albert Gore, who is liberal tradition, whites may support Mr Jackson's leftstaking his continued viability wing positions in large num-bers. The state is also suffering on New York, has criticized Mr Jackson's lack of support for Israel. Launching the first real frontal assault on him hy from an economic downturn and Mr Jackson has closely another candidate, he said Mr identified himself with strug-Jackson had no experience of

> America was "not choosing a preacher, but a president", and "the presidency is not a pulpit". He said afterwards that his attacks were not personal, and there was no reason why Mr Jackson should be treated differently .from any other candidate. But

Mr Jackson, who reacts strongly to criticism, immediately cancelled a scheduled meeting with Mr Gore.

Mr Dukakis, who now has re-established a very small lead in delegates over Mr Jackson, is turning his guns on Mr Gore in an attempt to cut him out of the race and make himself the only alternative to Mr Jackson.

But his rivals both have an interest in preventing this. Mr Gore because he needs a strong showing in a big state to remain in the race, and Mr

The latest polls suggest Mr Dukakis has the edge in Wisconsin, and a lead in New York over Mr Jackson of 40 percentage points to 29. But they also showed that voters had little enthusiasm for Mr Dukakis, and his support was not nearly as firm as that for

Mr Jackson.

Mr Ed Koch, the ontspoken Mayor of New York City, kept his distance from all three candidates, however, saying Mr Dukakis was bland and did not excite, Mr Gore too Jackson because any split in young, and Mr Jackson a man the white vote would help who had embraced Castro and him.

Decision day for **Botham** elephant

From Alan Franks

The elephant withdrawn hecause of injury on the first day of Ian Botham's transalpine walk in Hannibal's footsteps. will be pulled out permanently if she has not made a full recovery by tomorrow.

Salammbo, one of three elephants on loan from the Italian Circus Medrano, has been given cortisone injec-tions by the expedition's vet, Mr David Taylor, to treat a mild condition of peri-arthritis in the elbow joint of the right foreleg.

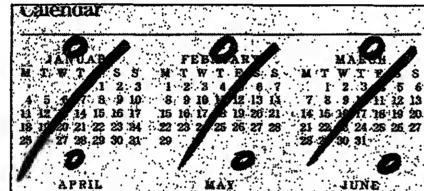
She rested yesterday, the second day of the 500-mile expedition, launched to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund. The other two, Tali and Dido, walked about one-third of the 25-mile stretch between the villages of Sigean and Nissan.

Mr Taylor said yesterday: This type of condition is very common in elephants. On a scale of lameness it would register only two out of 10, but this morning when I examined her, there was still evidence of a slight limp." During the 21-day expedition, the animals would not be pressed to do anything which might tire them, he said.

For the rest of the first week the terrain is reasonably flat, although the elephants, like the walkers, have encountered strong cross-winds.

During yesterday's march, lan Botham told *The Times* that he was now actively considering walking in the footsteps of Napoleon, from Paris to Moscow, as his next expedition in aid of leukaemia research. He intends to accomplish one such venture each year, and believes the Hannibal walk will raise up to

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10,000 Soviet advisers kept guessing in Kabul

ber of military ones, when the 115,000 Soviet troops pull

Yesterday Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, sidestepped a question from *The Times* he argued was a legitimate about Soviet intentions for the government under treaties advisers, who are performing key jobs in Afghan industry and attempting to remould its economic infrastructure along communist lines.

Mr Gerasimov said he had no knowledge of an article on Tuesday in the official economic daily Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya, acknowledging for the first time that "about 10,000 Soviet experts are working in Afghanistan now".

The paper said the numbers were so great that flights between Moscow and Kabul were always full.

He quoted a senior engineer from the Ukraine working as technical manager of Afotsr, the main Afghan road haulage association, as saying that he did not feel himself "a temporary worker".

The question mark over the Soviet military and civilian advisers has arisen because the Kremlin has made elear that it sees its military and civilian aid to the Afghan Government of President Najibullah as different in kind from the aid which Washington supplies to the Muslim rebels.

A controversy is brewing about what will happen to some 10,000 Soviet civilian advisers working in Afghanistan, and an unspecified number of military ones when the owes its main loyalty and probably its survival to Moscow.

Mr Gerasimov said yes-terday that any suggestion of a moratorium on Soviet aid was "unacceptable". The aid was going to what

eaching back to the Soviet-Afghan friendship pact of Earlier, in a lengthy interview with a Bulgarian news-

paper, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, flatly rejected US proposals for a symmetrical moratorium on US arms shipments to the rebels and Soviet arms supplies to Kabul. "The Soviet Union supplies

arms to Afghanistan under inter-governmental treaties and inter-governmental agreements... The United States is now inviting us to break these treaties and agreements and to stop honouring them," he

The minister made clear that if the United Nations eace negotiations in Geneva failed, the Soviet troop withdrawal would go ahead on the basis of a separate Soviet-Afghan agreement.

But he gave no indication what would happen to the Soviet advisers. There are fears in Western

circles that some advisers would be left in key positions

power at least temporarily. "We shall be acting in a way

convenient for the Government of Afghanistan and ourselves." Mr Shevardnadze said. "But let me say once more: we wish success to the Geneva negotiations."

He appeared to contradict remarks attributed to Washington officials in Thursday's New York Times that the Soviet Union had indicated it might permit continued US military aid to Afghan rebels after a peace accord comes into affect.

"It is known that the US Government has declared that t will continue to give aid to Afghan opposition forces ... It is, frankly speaking, inconceivable to hold this posture and remain a guarantor, the Soviet Foreign Minister

He also accused Pakistan of creating obstacles over one of the few remaining issues to be settled at the Geneva talks which have recently run into serious trouble - namely a reference to "internationally

recognized borders". The Afghan Government objects to this term, on the grounds that its border with Pakistan was drawn arbitrarily hy the British colonial power last century. The term "existing border line" would be an

acceptable compromise.

Israel's new spy chief

Shin Bet freshens its image

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israel's Shin Bet gets an unnamed new chief today, in a highly publicized change of. guard that would appear toindicate that the country's internal security service, badly shaken by a series of scandals over the past five years, is back on the tracks.

The outgoing head of the agency, Mr Yosef Harmelin, whose impending resignation was announced by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, during last Sunday's Cabinet meeting, was called in to lead the scandal-ridden service in September 1986.

Mr Harmelin, aged 63, had already served as head of the Shin Bet from 1964 until 1974, and his recall was clearly a stop-gap measure designed to get the service through a crisis brought on by the resignation of its entire top echelon. He replaced Mr Avraham Shalom who, along with his deputy, Mr Reuven Hazak, was forced to resign after it was revealed that they had deliberately lied to an investigating committee on the role of the Shin Bet in the death of two captured Palestinian bus hijackers in April, 1984.

The Shin Bet had attempted to shift the blame for the notorious "Bus 300" affair onto the senior army officer involved, General Yitzhak Mordechai. The ploy ap-peared to be working and General Mordechai faced manslaughter charges until three senior Shin Bet operatives decided to blow the whistle on their chief.

It is not clear what motivated the three - bad conscience, or, as some analysts have suggested, an attempted putsch inside the Shin Bet. But their actions resulted in their dismissal from the service, to be followed by that of Mr Shalom and Mr Hazak,

This left the Shin Bet bereft of its top leadership at a time when its public standing was at a low cbb and its internal morale at rock bottom.

The Shin Bet received a further debilitating blow at the beginning of 1987 when a-Circassian army officer, Lieutenant Izaat Nafsu, complained that he had been jailed

for 18 years on a false esonage charge fabricated by is Shin Bet investigators. Lieutenant Nafsu's case was reopened and he was absolved

The decision to recall Mr Harmelin, derived first and foremost from the desire to entrust the service, not to an outsider, but to a veteran who knew the service inside out and would be able to stabilize it before handing it over to a

serving career officer. The open publicity given to his impending re would seem to be, at least in part, a deliberate effort by the overnment to reassure the public that Mr Harmelin has managed to rehabilitate the

Shin Bet. Mr Harmelin's resignation today is to coincide with that of another shadowy issueli figure, Mr Amiram Nir, the Prime Minister's special ed-

viser on terrorism. Mr Nir is reported to have liaised closely with Lieuten-ant-Colonel Oliver North, who is now standing trial in the United States over the Iran-Contras arms scandal.

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Violence in South African force

Two policemen to hang for killing 'ANC drug-runners'

One of South Africa's top van der Merwe's killing last der Merwe's accomplice, was Pillay to kill Mr Ogle and Mr detectives, Captain Jack la year of two Coloured (mixed-chief of the East Rand murder Ernest Molokoane, a Soweto Grange, and another policeman, Detective-Sergeant Robert van der Merwe, were sterday each sentenced to death twice over in the Rand Supreme Court for murder.

Van der Merwe told the court he had killed two men and attempted to kill a third at la Grange's bidding in the belief that the three men were members of the outlawed African National Congress, and whose "elimination" had been ordered by "head office".

He said be believed that the orders came from President Botha himself or "at least a

mitigation, the defence counsel, Mr W. Maritz, argued that a political climate in which the Government itself was not above acting outside the law should be accepted as extenuating circumstances.

Referring to the raid by South African commandos into Botswana earlier this week, in which four people were killed, Mr Maritz said that had his client been a member of the security forces he would have been

Mr Maritz submitted that

race) alleged drug smugglers, Bennie Ogle and Godfrey Pillay, had to be seen in the context of a police force where violence had become "almost

and robbery squad. But according to the evidence, he people to be killed than catch-

foreign corporate disinvest-ments from South Africa, Newmont Mining of America five South African companies, and Britain's Metal Box company is also selling out to local interests (Michael Hornsby

lion for its holdings in Palabora Mining, Tsumeh O'Okiep Copper, Gamsberg Zinc and Highveld Steel and terday that the purchaser of most of these assets is Gold Fields of South Africa.

Inevitably, Newmont's pullout will be seen as a response mentators here say that the ompany is struggling under a

according to the evidence, he spent more time arranging for all three were drug smugglers

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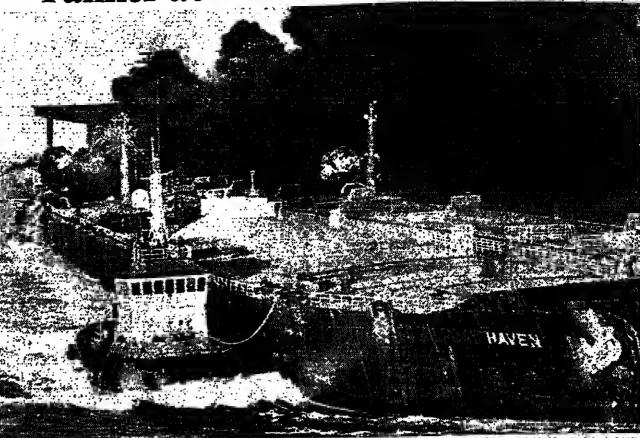
During the trial, la Grange maintained that he was never and that he had never ordered van der Merwe to kill anyone.

Van der Merwe told the court that he had idolized la Grange, He also confessed to Grange. He also comessed to having feelings of "pure hatred" for the ANC, partly as a result of having been inside the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court last year when a carbomb exploded outside, killing four policemen and wounding 15 other people.

 Mandela degree: Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the ANC, is expected to qualify for a law degree before the end of the year, the University of South Africa disclosed. He needs only to complete a few ancillary subects to obtain the degree.

● Bonn protest: The West German Ambassador to South Africa, Herr Immo Stabreit, has delivered a strong protest on behalf of the EEC to the Foreign Ministry in Cape Town, condemning the raid last Monday into Botswana.

Tanker ablaze after missile attack



Iraq said later that it fired three missiles at Iranian cities yesterday after the shelling of the Haven on Wednesday night (Renter reports from Nicosia).

Shipping sources said that the 232,200-toune Haven, which was carrying Saudi oil worth \$22 million (£11.8 million), ran aground in the Strait of Hormuz after the attack, one of Iran's fiercest this year. They said there was a serious danger of pollution from the blazing tanker, which stuck fast against a

fired at Iran's holy city of Qom and two at Estahan, the former Persian capital south of Tehran. Iraq had said earlier it would call a unilateral halt to missile stracks on Iranian cities from today until Sunday, while the Turkish Prime Min-ister, Mr Targut Ozal, will be visiting Baghdad. Turkey, which borders both Iran and Iraq, is neutral in the war.

Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, yesterday urged Iranians to

The Iranian news agency Iran said that Iranian jets had inflicted heavy losses on Iragi positions and troops near the southern port of Rosra. It also said that nti-aircraft fire brought down an Iraq north-eastern province of Sulayn

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Soviet drive on corruption

170,000 police fall to purges

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

corruption inside the Soviet police force, more than 170,000 police officers have been dismissed over the past five years for irresponsibility, indiscipline and violations of

The figure took Western observers by surprise. It was provided yesterday by Mr Alexander Vlasov, the Interior Minister, who told Kommunist, the influential theoretical journal, that a campaign to eliminate police corruption which began late in 1982 proved "only to be the start of a large amount of personnel work".

Officials refused to provide The Times with figures for the total size of the Soviet police force but, as any visitor to Moscow can observe by the sheer numbers of uniformed believed to be one of the largest in the world.

"One has to admit that incidents of arrest and detention without cause, beatings up and other serious violations and even crimes have still not been eliminated," Mr Vlasov said in the most damning expose of the extent of Soviet police malpractices yet published here.

The minister revealed that between 1983 and 1985 a total of 161,000 policemen had been dismissed. In addition, more than 9,000 were dis-missed last year but the article gave no figures for 1986.

Despite the campaign to stamp out corrupt police prac-tices, most Soviet drivers still carry a 10-rouble (£10) note tucked into their driving licence as ready payment to bribe their way out of one of the numerous petty offences for which they are frequently whistled up.

In recent months, a series of

As a result of the continuing from false testimonies, often crackdown against widespread obtained through beatings and other shortcomings in police

> On Wednesday, Komsom-olskaya Pravda, the official paper of the Communist Party's youth wing, disclosed that in Moscow alone more than 1,000 corrupt policemen were dismissed last year, 67 of them being subsequently expelled from the party and 47 convicted of various offences.

The paper, which in the past has been severely criticized by the police for its frank reporting of Moscow's chronic prostitution problem, noted that relations between the orated and called for more dialogue to "provide a constructive approach to many

still unsolved problems". Reporting a briefing given for Soviet and East bloc reporters by the Moscow administration for internal affairs, the paper noted that correspondents present pressed officials to explain why Soviet policemen were so notoriously rude when approached in the street. Teach them to smile," one reporter

Officials admitted that many Soviet workers had complained about what was described as "the rude and tactless behaviour of milit-

One of the most sensational cases involving the police occurred last year when a former police officer was sentenced to death for his part in an armed raid on a Moscow department store in which he disguised himself in police

One accomplice, a former Soviet military prosecutor, was sentenced to 10 years hard labour for acting as lookout and another, a former KGB officer who was wounded in articles has appeared in the the raid, was murdered by his Soviet press about serious own associates who feared miscarriages of justice arising that he might confess.

Four die in Cairo cattle flight crash

Cairo (AP) - A Nigerian cargo plane, carrying 50 cows and other cargo for an Egyptian air transport company, crashed on its second attempt to take off from Cairo International Airport yesterday, killing the American pilot and three Nigerian crewmen. Mr Ahmed Salem, the head of operations of ZAS, the Egyptian charterer, said the DCS crashed on desert terrain just beyond the runway as it took off for Sharjah.

Plot charges

beria Unification Party, Mr William Gabriel Kpoleh, and charges of treason related to a plot against President Doe.

Tax cheat

Stockholm - Mr Karl Erik Erikson, the Liberal MP and Deputy Speaker of the Swedish Parliament, resigned from the House after being con-victed of falsifying accounts to evade tax.

Chagall show

Paris (AP) — More than 400 works by the Russian-born French painter, Marc Chagall, turned over in lieu of death taxes, have gone on show here.

Peking pass
Peking (Reuter) - China gave
last-minute clearance to British Airways for a new service

Floods alert

Monrovia (AFP) — The leader of the banned opposition Li-sands of civil defence officials strengthened flood barriers as the River Elbe threatened to 12 others will be tried on reach its highest level in 40 charges of treason related to a years in some parts.

> **Plane tragedy** Dar es Salaam (AP) - A Tanzanian National Parks air-

craft crashed on a Lake Victoria island and all five people on board are feared dead.

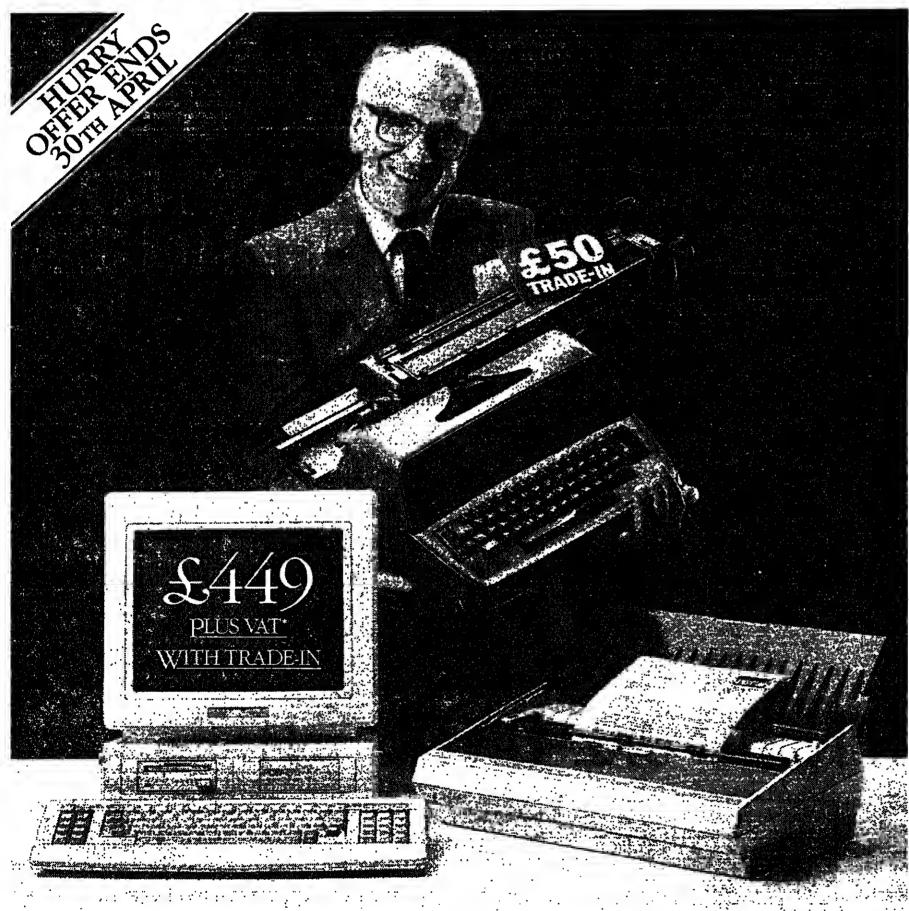
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Tokyo (Reuter) — Every third cat seen by Tokyo veterinarians in the past year was suffering from an Aids-like virus which cannot be passed

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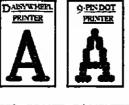
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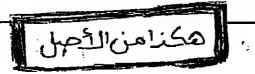
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Presidential campaign in France

Mitterrand shuns holiday to finish his 'grand plan'

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National Lottery came on Tuesday night, when 22,000 of the 63,000 people

who filled in their coupons of chance

The part of the National Lottery that

will see its coffers emptied today, when it must pay out 104 million francs (£9.95

million) in winnings, is the nightly five-minute television gamble called *Tapis Vert* (Green Baize), presented after the

An unbeatable four aces brought the lottery's downfall in the not overtaxing

Finance Ministry

plays Cupid to

news on the private First Channel.

curious place to find Cupid.

produce children for the good

by a growing number of un-

graduates, the Government is

providing a free match-making service for graduates and for those with secondary school

The romantic endeavours of

the Social Development Unit, strangely a division of the Finance Ministry, are said to be successful, but it was not

Charges of clitism and genetic engineering followed the unit's creation by Mr Lee

Knan Yew, the Prime Min-

of the nation.

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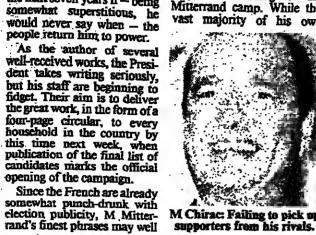
always so.

opening of the campaign.

highly personal manifesto.

On the evidence of the opinion polls taken after the President announced that he would run again, he now seems to be a racing certainty to beat whoever of M Jacques Chirac and M Raymond Barre carries the conservative colours in the second round.

The small print of the latest flurry of polls makes particularly sweet reading for the Mitterrand camp. While the vast majority of his own



M Chirac: Failing to pick up supporters from his rivals.

polling day, the President's apparently unstoppable mo-mentum leads one-third of M, Barre's supporters and almost a quarter of M Chirac's to concede that he now looks the likely winner.

Even more significant is the remarkable 32 per cent of those backing the ultra rightwing National Front in the first round who say they intend to vote for M Mitterrand if it comes to a duel with M Chirac

Despite the bluster of the National Front's leader, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, about demanding the best political "price" for his second-round support, it was widely as-sumed until now that M Chirac would have the extreme right in the bag. Yet on the latest count well under half of prospective National Front voters see themselves backing him in the run-off (the comparative figure for M Barre is exactly 50 per cent).

Equally encouraging for M Mitterrand's strategists are in-

- now as low as 16 per cent -M Chirac no longer seems to be vacuuming up support from his conservative rival.

According to Elysée insiders, the tone of the Minerrand campaign until polling day on April 24 will be, well, presidential. It seems that he does not intend to overdo the television appearances, judg-ing, correctly enough, that the average French viewer has already had too much politics on the small screen.

Let us leave the last word to M Pierre Joxe, a Socialist Party notable whose adulation for M Mitterrand knows no bounds. Irked by suggestions that M Mitterrand intends to keep the party he founded firmly at arm's length in the last lap, M Joxe told journalists that we had got it wrong.

"M Mitterrand is not the Socialist candidate. He is someone whom we recognize and support but he is escaping from us, and I can tell you that we're proud of this."

Children riding their bicycles through knee-deep water in Todd Mall, central Alice

Springs, yesterday after floods swept through the driest part of the Australian Outback. Aboriginal families were swept away as floodwaters swept along the normally dried-up river beds where they live (A Correspondent writes from Sydney).

One Aboriginal woman drowned and at least four others were missing. Many escaped by clambering up trees to await rescue by helicopter, and about 50 others caught in the torrent managed to scramble to safety.

years, came after storms in which the equivalent of the fell within 24 hours.

Alice Springs was cut off, with all roads to the north and south flooded, after the River Todd barst its banks. Large numbers of farm animals drowned when they were caught in the torrent.

Hundreds of tourists were stranded and hotels had to be evacuated. Residents abanned their homes to move to higher ground.

Mr Steve Haddon, Chief Minister of the Northern Ter-ritory, said provisional plans

state of emergency. He said the disaster could have been avoided if flood-irrigation lakes had been built along the

"This would not have hap-pened if these lakes had been built," he said.

Although the flood waters have started to recede, more thunderstorms are forecast.

 McMahon dies: Sir Wil-tiam McMahon, who became Australia's oldest Prime Min-Austrain s officer Prime Minister in 1971 at the age of 63, died yesterday, aged 80, after a long battle against cancer.

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Four aces break French lottery's bank

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

game of trying to guess, by filling in a coupon beforehand, which combination of numbers and suits will come up.

Addicts play nightly and filling in the four aces on the coupons is always a favourite. On Tuesday evening sittingrooms all over France erupted in whoops of delight as the magic four-ace combination came up on the screen.

Unlike other national lottery games, where an overall sum of money is divided between the winners, Tapis Vert allows individuals to win up to a thousand times the amount they bet if they guess all four cards correctly. The

super winner was a man in Perpignan, who amused himself by repeating his four-ace prediction on six different coupons, betting a total of 187 francs (£17.89). He is 187,000 francs ricber. A hundred other people have passed the 100,000-franc mark.

A spokesman for the National Lottery put a brave face on it yesterday, explaining that when they conceived this new way of earning money for the State's coffers five months ago they put aside extra funds for just such an occurence. However, he added, it will take them months to get back in the black again.

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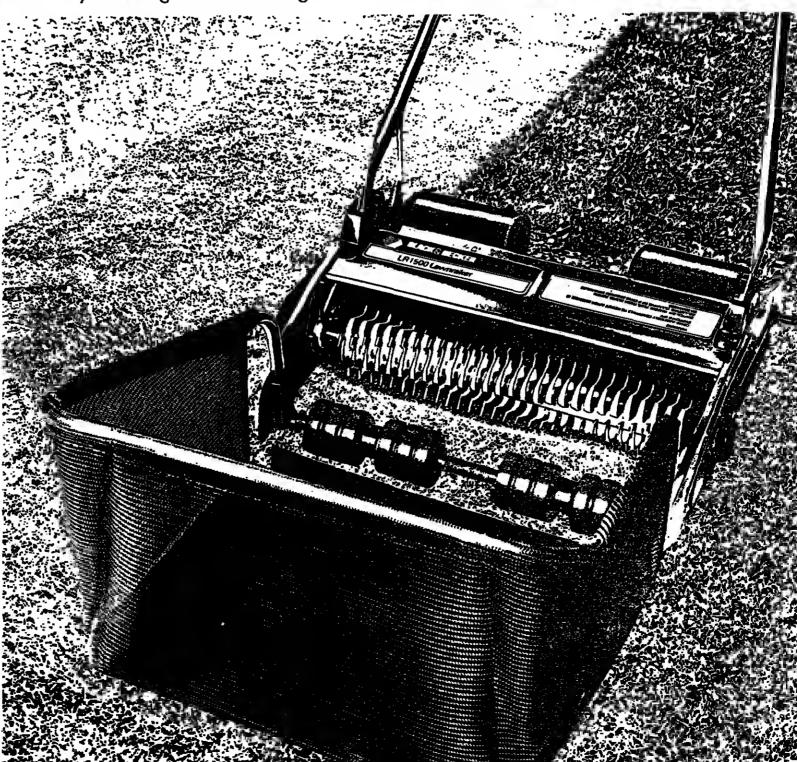
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LEADING THE WAY TO THE U.S.A.



Mr Lee: Believes genetics determine abilities.

ics determine a person's abilities. A scheme which gave preference in education to children whose mothers were graduates was dropped after a public outery.

Dr Eileen Aw, director of the Social Development Unit, rejects suggestions of medding with nature. "We focus on women graduates for the simple reason that 40 per cent of them are not marrying. There is no coercion or loss of

According to Dr Aw, many of Singapore's 10,000 wome graduates are left on the shelf because of career commitments, and a tradition of men preferring less well-educated

Thus only graduates are introduced to the tonely academics, although men without degrees who have advanced to executive positions with high salaries may be "upgraded" to the top bracket. Those with only secondaryschool qualifications are channelled into a separate group.

They may engage in computer dating and participate in social events ranging from afternoon tea dances to river safaris in Sarawak and courses on baying used cars. A love cruise for 260 bright young things was not repeated,

Singapore singles

Unit 01 of the Ministry of after the boys eyed all the girls finance, on the 40th floor of the towering Treasury building in Singapore, is perhaps a designated groups. However, the course of true Yet it is from this unlikely love appears to have run love-nest that government of-ficials direct an innovative and occasionally controversial, scheme to occasionally controversial, sc scheme to encourage well- anspices in the past three

almost 40,000 members, with wedding bells ringing more than 20 times a month. Alarmed by a declining population and in particular But Dr Aw concedes that many of Singapore's most taleated women will remain married women university

The broader issues of population decline are being tackled by the Ministry of Health, which recently created some confusion and dismay by reversing a vigorous birth courtol policy. After more than two decades of being arged to stop at two children, Singaporeans are now being asked to have three, and more if they

can afford it. Introducing the new policy last year, Mr Goh Chok Tong, the First Deputy Prime Minister, said: "It was aimed at all who were 'under-performing' in reproductive terms. We have to accept changes as part of life. There is no choice." Those women who had them-selves sterilized under the earlier policy had to accept

this, he said. The sudden reversal followed a survey that showed the fertility rate had plummeted from 3.07 in 1978 to 1.44 in 1986, well below the "replace-

ment" rate of 2.1. The last figure was excep-tional, since 1986 was the Year of the Tiger which, in Asian societies, is not regarded as propitious for marrying or bearing children. If it were maintained, however, the population would be halved by the

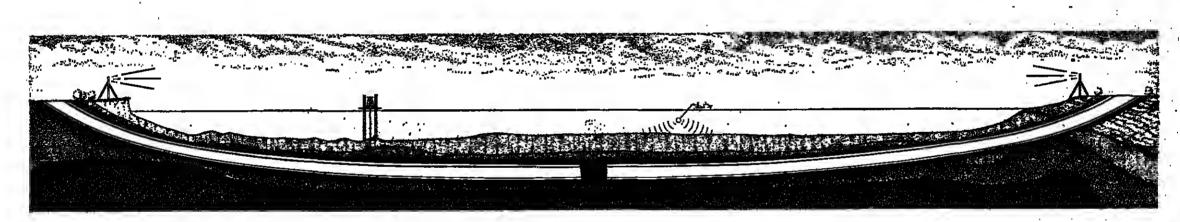
The Government has introduced benefits for the productive, including tax incentives, preferential housing allocations and school regis-trations, and extended mater-

An obstacle is an astonish ingly high rate of abortions, a vestige of the old birth control programme, which are available on demand for less than £2. It is estimated that of 60,000 conceptions last year, a third were aborted. Dr Paul Cheung, director of the Population Planning Unit, says the problem is hard to solve. "If you tighten the law, they will go underground."

Dr Cheung is defensive of government policies, in view of past criticism. "Some people consider Singapore as some kind of freak country, because we tend to be innovative. But we know our dilemma and the objections very well, and we keep our feet on the ground, I

His only concern, he says, is that "if we are too successful with the present policy, we may have to change again".

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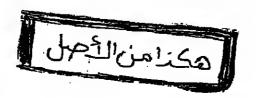
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CONTRACTING, MINERALS, PROPERTY, CONSULTANCY, HOMES AND LEISURE

Chun brother held for corruption

From Gavin Bell Seoul

South Korea's new Government has moved swiftly to avert political damage from a corruption scandal by arresting the brother of the former President Cbun Doo Hwan on charges of embezzlement, accepting bribes and evading

When the mighty fall in Korea, they tend to do so with a resounding crash. Thus Mr Chun Kyung Hwan, aged 46, was jailed in a blaze of publicity yesterday after being interrogated for two days about the clandestine activities of a powerful rural development agency which he directed under the patronage of his brother until last year.

Prosecutors say that the inscrutable martial arts enthusiast amassed a fortune in secrei bank accounts, investments and illegal property deals by peddling his influence at high levels of government and big business over seven

They are also investigating alleged links with gangland killings in a "hostess" bar in Seoul in 1986, and with a handicrafts company whose president led 32 of her cult followers in a bizarre mass suicide pact last August. Investigators say Mr Chun

diverted £10 million from the Saemaul (New Community) movement to private projects. and real estate and share investments. Of that sum, he is said to have embezzled almost £6 million. Much of it is said to have

been used to acquire an eightstorey shopping centre in Scoul at below its market price a year ago. It bas since tripled

The head of another department store is alleged to have paid Mr Chun £150.000 to persuade government officials to raise his stockholding limit in a luxury hoteL

Three of Mr Chun's senior associates were also detained yesterday, bringing the total of arrests to nine so far. They



include two of his brothers-inlaw, one of whom attempted suicide on Tuesday by trying to bite off his tongue, smashing his head against a wasbroom basin, and then trying to leap from the fifth floor of a

hospital ward. Mr Chun is expected to be formally indicted shortly before important parliamentary elections scheduled for April 26. If found guilty, he faces a minimum of five years im-prisonment on the embezzlement charges, and similar sentences for related

His activities during the authoritarian regime of his brother have aroused considerable public anger. Bystanders cheered when a construction worker slapped Mr Chun on the face and shouted, "Bastard" as he was being hustled into a prosecutor's office this week.

Dong-a Ilbo, an influential daily, called for a wider in-

quiry into the administrative system which it said had allowed Mr Chun to embezzle public funds with impudence and arrogance. In particular, it demanded the prosecution of tax agency officials.

Analysts attribute the swiftness of the arrests partly to concern in the ruling Democratic Justice Party that the affair could damage its prospects in the forthcoming elections.

It is also seen as an indirect

attempt to prevent his elder brother from retaining any influence in government. The former President has been appointed to lead a council of elder statesmen, and it is in this capacity that he is presently touring the United States, where be recently met President Reagan

"A lot of people in the new administration don't like Chun and want to make sure he has no future role," a diplomatic source said. "By disgracing his brother, they discredit Chun. It is an effective way of keeping him on the sidelines."

Mr Roh Tae Woo, who became President under a new democratic constitution in February, is clearly resolved to avoid the taint of corruption associated with the old regime. Mr Roh announced yesterday that he will make his assets public next month, in accordance with an election pledge.

■ TOKYO: A South Korean film-maker who escaped from North Korean captivity in 1986 says that Mr Kim Jong II, the son of President Kim II Sung of North Korea, could launch an invasion of the South before the Seoul Olympics (AFP reports).

"As a man who knows Kim Jong Il's personality very well, I am really worried that the North might wage an all-out war before the Seoul Olym-pics." Mr Shin Sang Ok said in an interview with the Japanese edition of Playboy.

Although Mr Kim Jong II could not go against his 75-year-old father, the President had weaker judgement now and was considerably aged. Mr Shin and his actress wife, Choi Eun Hui, were allegedly kidnapped in Hong Kong in 1978 on the orders of Mr Kim Jong II in an bid to help upgrade North Korea's film industry. They defected to the US in Vienna in 1986.

Mr Kim Jong Il has stood second in the North Korean leadership since 1980 when be was elected the second-ranked party secretary

Rover deal is helped by EEC ruling on Renault

From Richard Owen, Brussels

representative on the 17-man

Commission, is pushing for

stronger EEC control over

European market approaches

in 1992. The aim is to ensure

conglomerates do not distort

type of dominant market pos-

ition forbidden by the Treaty

Rover and Lord Young that

EEC merger policy is being toughened up for 1992," one source said. "Mr Sutherland

will be keen to show he is no

pushover." Still only 41, Mr

Sutherland is a contender to

take over the crucial 1992

The Renault ruling, an-

at the end of the year.

"It could be unfortunate for

European Commission ruling ficially low price". One outcome being forecast allowing the French Government to write off some of here is that Brussels will allow state aid to Rover at a level Renault's debts and pump investment money into the lower than the proposed £800 ailing car company could set a precedent for the British Aero-have to meet strict conditions to qualify for the aid, includspace-Rover Group deal aning a detailed commitment to nounced on Tuesday by Lord restructuring the company, as Young, the Trade and Inin the Renault case. dustry Secretary.

The Commission's investieations into Renault and Rover are examples of the way that EEC merger control is acquiring a bigh profile in the run-up to a frontier-free Europe in 1992.

But the officials said that the Commission's investigation into the Rover deal could take months rather than weeks and that Mr Peter Sutherland, the Commissioner for Competition Policy, was "in no mood to give the British Government an easy ride". There is concern that the

proposed buge write-off of debts would give Rover an unfair competitive edge in Europe through government "The £150 million sale price seems low and the debt write-

off (£1.1 billion) and capital injection (£800 million) seem high," one official said in an initial reaction.

portfolio in the Commission if Lord Cockfield's mandate is not renewed by Mrs Thatcher

EEC officials have said that a Romeo to Fiat for "an arti- involved, and the amounts of government money are much

But the Commission ruled that Renault could receive £2 billion of government funds provided it carried out a thorough restructuring programme and shed its government-backed status to become a normal public company. If this is not done, the Brussels Mr Sutherland, Ireland's permission for the aid will be qhave a dreat

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withdrawn. Significantly for Rover, the ruling justified the concession to Renault in terms of the proposed mergers as the single difficulties encountered by European motor manufacturers since the early 1980s that merged European beause of overcapacity and competition by achieving the fierce competition from overseas, notably Japan. The ruling noted that Renault was reducing its production capacity by 25 per cent.

One theory circulating in Brussels this week was that the Government had pitched its proposed state aid to Rover deliberately high leaving room for bargaining between Mr Sutherland and Lord Young. The two men met in Brussels last week.

A similar process took place over Leyland's sale of its truck division to Daf of Holland, when the Commission reduced the amount of aid the nounced this week, is not The Commission is already investigating the sale of Alfa-Rover merger. No takeover is

Government could put into Leyland before selling it.

Spain approves transit deal

The Spanish Cabinet has ap- exporters lobby in Valencia Spain will be limited to only 4 proved an agreement with Morocco to allow the transit through Spain of exports of citrus fruits, tomatoes and early potatoes from the North African country to the EEC.

Spain is obliged to allow such transit by 1990, both as a member of the EEC and as a signatory to Gatt. However, the influential citrus fruit

was complaining yesterday that it had not been consulted. In the past there have been threats that lorries carrying Moroccan exports might be treated in the same way as French farmers have dis-

rupted Spanish exports. This year and next Moroc-

per cent of Spanish exports of the same product to EEC destinations, Moroccan tomatoes to 2 per-cent and citrus fruits to only I per cent. From 1990 the Moroccans will be

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Rights abuses in Chile

Pinochet turns to

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

There was a knock on the ings damaged the Governdoor. My father-in-law opened it. Two heavy, scruffy-looking men asked for me. Before he had time to blink, the interrogation began: Who are you, why does she live with you, what does she do in Chile, who's she married to. My father-in-law did not invite them in; the question and answer session was conducted

entirely on the doorstep. Three days and a myriad of telephone calls later, we re-ceived an explanation: I had been investigated as part of an "open-ended order" by a military court but, not to worry, the investigation was over. No one explained its purpose, nor did anyone apologize for the disruption of our lives, as members of the Central Nacional de Informaciones (CNI) the secret police, ques-tioned family and friends.

Chileans have become accustomed to visits like this one, and to hearing that thousands of private medical records have been seized, typewriters "arrested", tens of thousands of homes raided by troops and police, private bank records (of people not accused of any crime) kanded over to police - all the result of open-ended" orders issued by the military courts.

"From 1986 on, the repressive method favoured by the dictatorship ... is judicial repression," said Señor Roo Garreton, a lawyer and found-ing member of the Catholic Charch's human rights Vicariate. "Selective, criminal-style repression is still used. But they also try to give the idea that it's not the regime which is repressing but rather that the courts are simply enforcing

Before the 1973 military coup, military courts routinely handled cases involving members of the armed forces. After, the carabineers, Chile's uni-formed police, became a branch of the armed forces. For the next 10 years repression of the regime's oppo-nents was selective, shielded by heavy media censorship and a judicial system which arbitrarily ignored thousands of requests for protection.

The military regime began to file charges against opposition leaders in the civilian courts when silent disagreement exploded into massive street protests in 1983. But higher courts routinely allowed the accused to go free on bail and, on occasion, overturned sentences.

The efforts of a handful of persistent civilian judges did not please the Government either. They found military officers had been involved in the forced disappearance of dissenting Chileans, the deliberate burning of two teenagers during an anti-regime protest, the shooting of a French priest, and the brutal murder of three men in 1985. Although culprits were quickly rescued by a special amnesty law or the military courts themselves, the judges' find-

entitled to unrestricted transit. Spain must bear in mind that Andalusian and Canary can early potatoes to be trans- islands fishing fleets depend ported by rail or road through on Moroccan goodwill.

military courts

In 1986, General Pinochet created the position of Ad Hoc Military Prosecutor and appointed his former adviser, Colonel Fernando Torres Silva. Since then, Colonel Torres has become a familiar face on Chilean television, as lights and cameras have followed his investigations.

Some critics of the regime, like journalist Señora Monica González, face charges in both court systems

Last December, General Pinochet charged her with libel in a civilian court. In March, the Government again filed charges against her, this time in a military court, in response to an interview she did while in prison with one of Colonel Torres's prisoners,

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Señorita Karin Eitel. In the interview, Sedorita Eitel, who disappeared for 34 days after her arrest, gave a graphic description of how she had been tortured. She and Schora González have been accused of libelling the armed

Colonel Torres and his colleagues have received the

Santiago - Unidentified civilians fired on more than 300 high-school pupils as they tried to march in memory of a communist teacher, Manuel Guerrero, assassinated three years ago (Lake Sagaris writes). Several men in a picknp truck, similar to those used by the police, chased the children, firing at their feet.

occasional warning from the Sepreme Court, but human rights lawyers say that is not enough. "When the regime chooses the judicial route for repression it assumes a certain amount of risk, but the Sapreme Court has not corrected all of Torres's faults and abuses," said Señor Garreton.

Although the military's constitution seems to enshrine human rights, these are limited "by other values considered superior", according to a 1986 Chilean Haman Rights Commission analysis.

In June 1987, an operation by 500 agents confirmed the commission's fears that the military courts, not civilian authorities, will supervise the CNI even after the new constitution is fully implemented in 1997. Days after headlines announced that the CNI could no longer hold prisoners on its premises, its agents killed 12 opponents of the Government, in what they said were armed confronta-tions with the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front.

However, when the commission investigated, it discovered that in almost every case there was no evidence that the dead men and women had fired or even been armed. Señor Ambrosio Rodriguez, a

government lawyer, tried to instify the CNI's actions. They had "acted according to an open-ended court order to investigate", he said.

business, they get to a certain level

White Americans still teach

their children to hate, he says, and

oo one is more to blame in the past

seven years than President Reagan

- a view that is shared by the civil

rights movement as a whole.

Under the Reagan administration,

social and education spending has

been cut and the President has

"You've got institutionalized racism oow," King says. "It has to

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The once and future Kings

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character . . .'

Martin Luther King, Washington, June 15 1963

spring is coming again to Martin Luther King's Georgia, bringing green and warmth to the little Ebenezer Baptist Church where he so often preached his vision of a

so often preached his vision of a promised land of racial harmony. His four children have grown up, the civil rights movement has fallen into neglect, and the "symphony of brotherhood" that King dreamed of is still far from achieved. "I really don't think my father's dream has gone wrong. In just has not been fulfilled," says Martin Luther King III, now aged 30 and working in his own right to finish the business of America's

prophet-hero. Few in America would disagree with him. As the couotry takes stock two decades on, it is clear that King wrought a revolution that cannot be reversed, but also that black and white still have far to travel before making peace.

A soft-spoken and pleasant young man, Martin King — "Marty" to his family — is the only one of those "four little children" to pursue a political career. In 1986 he was elected one of six commissioners, or directors, of Fulton County, the district that includes Atlanta. He had been urged to ruo by Mayor Andrew Young, who, as President Jimmy Carter's UN Ambassador, was the first black to reach high office in the United States. "Uncle Andy" became a father-figure to the King children, in particular the two boys, Martin and Dexter.

he lacks his father's power and sense of destiny. "I think that people like that come only every oow and then; but I am compelled to do something and I will always be involved in some way because throughout my life I feel people will be oppressed."

The four children grew up to learn that, despite the victories of their father's movement, to be black in America is still to be So what happened to those four children?

Did the dream die with Martin Luther King in Memphis on

April 4, 1968? Twenty years on, **Charles Bremner**

second-class. They see it as a duty to live up to the life of their father, although the younger ones hardly knew him.

sought them out

Yolanda, now aged 31, runs a local theatre company and directs the Martin Luther King Centre in Atlanta along with her brother Martin and their mother. The other daughter, Bernice, aged 24, is studying theology and law. Dexter, aged 27, the one whose manner most resembles that of his father, works in video and film, and sings. He has begun travelling and speaking out like his brother. "Black people are still not free," he said last month. "The discrimination we see in the Eighties and the years to come is more tricky than it was in the Sixties. You may not be discriminated against to your face, but it's happening."

Dexter King says he is appalled at the lack of self-confidence of young American blacks. "I was surprised that many of them did not know who Martin Luther King was. They don't see how they can be a part of keeping the dream alive. History can repeat itself, if a group of people don't know their istory, they are bound to make the same mistakes."

While some may never have beard of the civil rights leader, his

successors took heart this month from a national opinion poll of young people. Asked whom they most revered as a hero, a majority of Americans under 45 years old replied: Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy.

For his children, MLK is very much a presence. "With many people, you start talking about death and they start crying."
Martin King says. "But when we talk about our father it's not that way. Maybe it's because to some degree we still see him as living. His legacy lives. We are part of that legacy and must keep it

If his father came back to today's Georgia, "he would be pleased yet sad", King says, sitting in his comfortable office on the second floor of Atlanta's county administration. "He'd just be burt that this country contioues, less than 12 years from the year 2000, to have a lack of concern for the least of these, our brethren.

The South and America at large have come a long way from segregation laws that kept "negroes" on the back of the bus and allowed the rampages of the Ku-Klux-Klan, but the wall is still

ing points to progress in local politics. Six big cities - Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Washington, Philadel-phia and Atlanta – have black mayors; they are among 7,000 black elected officials. "Who black elected officials. would have ever thought 20 years ago that the mayor of Birmingham, where my father had one of his major campaigns, would have been a black man? We've made phenomenal progress—but it's still less than one half of one per cent."

Apart from the cases of individuals such as Bill Cosby, the entertainer, blacks are still being kept out of the upper reaches of American society, King says. "In



happy prosperity of the Reagan years and recognizes that while a

fragile black middle class has developed, about two and a half million others are sinking ever deeper into poverty, crime and illiteracy. Their plight is presenting the country with its biggest social problem in the closing years of the century. Many white Americans are

reluctant to accept responsibility

for the failures that have produced this underclass, saying the blacks have been guaranteed their rights for two decades and their prob-lems are their own. Of the Democratic presidential candi-dates, only Jesse Jackson is tackling the black poverty issue head on, though he has yet to make clear how he would raise money for the programmes he proposes. For Martin King, the success of

made no stand on race. Last week Reagan vetoed a new civil rights Jackson - who began his career as an assistant to Martin Luther King in the 1960s — is proof of the progress that has been made, "I think Jesse Jackson's running has shown us that blacks can wio. I think you cao win if the message is right, regardless of colour. I think be has broken that barrier." But, be notes, on the other hand there increasingly across America as the country at large emerges from the are the millions of Americans

to talk to us or hug us and kiss us as he always had done. telling pollsters that they would never vote for Jackson because of

his colour. A graduate of Morehouse, his father's old Atlanta university, King says he aims to seek higher office, possibly in Congress, and he thinks his father would be proud of birn. He might, he says, go on to a seminary and seek ordination like his father. Being

> even the incumbent's when I ran for commissioner." nother mao whose name is known to most Americans is James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to King's murder and is serving his 99-year-sentence in a prison ocar Nashville. He was denied a pardon two years ago.

King's son is not so much a

ourden as a blessing, he says. "For

a start, there is name recognition.

My name was better known than

Asked for the thousandth time for his memories of the murder, Martin King's voice drops as be tells the story. "We were all io the kitchen watching television. We ran back to my mother's room...she explained to us later that Daddy had gone bome to live with God and that we would see bim again but he wouldn't be able

"What stuck out in my mind

was that after my father was killed, my mother assumed leadership automatically. Daddy was to have led a march on April 7. She assumed the role and led that march. Very few people would have been able to rise to that "I remember how we were

surrounded by national guardsmen and there were thousands and thousands of people and they wouldn't let the people get to us. I remember just hurting. I remember Bill Coshy comiog and spending time with Dexter and me. But really just being in pain... and crying a lot. I even asked the question 'wby?". "Any time we have bad a

tragedy - my grandmother's death, my cousin's - we've come together. They have brought us really closer together. It affected us differently to some extent, but each of us, for a period of time, ran from leadership to some degree, ran from responsibility. Because when you think of leadership, you are thinking, can I really live up to the expectations? You're thinking, what if I fail?"

Grande dame moves on

It is Easter week in Paris and tourists fill the streets, but the man at the reception desk in the stately Hotel Meurice says with deference that they are very quiet at the moment. Sadly, the sort of people who made this famous botel the place to stay in Paris belong to

a bygone age. Yesterday came the news that the Meurice, overlooking the Tuileries in the rue de Rivoli, has been sold for about £35 million by Grand Metropolitan, who want to coucentrate on their two major hotels in Paris - the Inter-Continental io the rue Castiglioni, just round the corner from the Meurice, and the Grand, nndergoing a facelift. If the Ministry of Finance agrees, the new owners will be the CIGA group. Augustin Meurice opened his first establishment on the rue Saint-Honoré at the begin-ning of the last century specifically to cater for the intrepid

British upper classes who, with the fall of Napoleon, were travelling to Europe, the forerunners of today's tourists. The second, grander Hotel Meurice rose on the rue de Rivoli some 30 years later. Comfort, efficiency and discretion were the cardinal rules that drew the crowned heads of Europe, including Queen Victoria and Edward VII to

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Once the haven of stars and artists, the Meurice Hotel, Paris, has a new owner



Meurice man: Salvador Dali in 1970, holding court in Paris

one that replaced it in 1907. Germans requisitioned the when society would not have considered "jetting" anywhere. They arrived in elegance and style and expected trance to the hotel their way of life to continue wherever they went. Alfonso XIII of Spain, for instance, used to bring his own furble when with him. Its fame belonged to the days

niture with him. One of the features of the botel was its magnificent roof garden, where many came to one of the best views of chic Paris. It represented a way of life that was shattered by the see and be seen and gaze out at stay in this building and the Second World War, when the

hotel and turned it into their military command head-quarters for the Paris region. History reveals that the entrance to the hotel cellars was never discovered by the Germans, although no mention is made of exactly what was

The regional commander, General Dietrich von Sholtitz, resided in room 213. It was here that he was captured alive, after a short but bloody on the first floor.

No serious structural damage was done to the enormous edifice, but extensive repairs were needed when it was allowed to become an hotel again in 1946. It had certainly deteriorated under German occupation and modern plumbing facilities replaced those that had remained the same since the 1907 - which says something for a European idea of comfort.

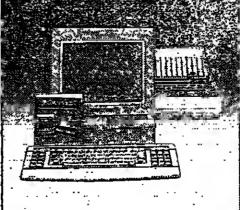
Famous guests now included film stars and artists, among them Salvador Dali, who always held court in Paris at the Meurice. It was he who in the early 1970s inaugurated a new Copper Bar and Copper Grill restaurant - to replace the hilliard room in the basement - all decked out with heavy mock Chippendale furniture.

The old spacious luxury was disappearing and since then the patchy attempts at "mod-ernization" have only de-tracted from the magnificence of the old style with the introduction of garish colours

on walls and furnishings. But the hotel is still proud of its individual clientele and has no wish to attract the tour parties that would make it more viable. "We are faithful to our visitors," a senior manager said, "and have their reputation to consider."

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to's warnings that his myths are not to be taken as exactly Martin F. Smith ARCHAEOLOGY

Two grape pips from British neo-lithic sites more than 5,000 years old have been dated directly by the Radio-carbon Accelerator Unit at Oxford. One proved to be modern, although it came from the buried soil underseath the Hazleton North tomb in Gloucestershire. But the other, from Hambledon Hill in Dorset, is the earliest grape found in Britain. Two wheat

dated as well, and all three

specimens yielded identical

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LORD ST JOHN OF FAWSLEY

verybody was having a really lovely time at the opening of the National Youth Theatre's new headquarters in the Holloway Road on Wednesday. The star of the show was Prince Edward, clearly still stage struck, who performed the opening ceremony with grace and charm. What would Queen Victoria make of her greatgrandson being a member of the Thespians? I think she would have been very much amused. She was the first sovereign since Charles II to treat actors seriously and by ioviting them to Windsor gave the pro-

fession respectability.

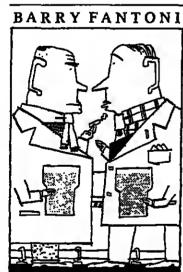
Holloway Road will not provide our young actors with a theatre as such, but there was previously a music hall on the site and the NYT can boast the largest rehearsal room in the kingdom. All this is due to the munificence of the Sainsbury family who are fast becoming an English version of the Medicis. But the theatre is still short of money and all widow's mites are welcome.

How this week's triumph, including a special sketch performed for their royal patron, would have lifted the heart of the never-to-be-forgotteo Michael Croft who founded the theatre and kept it going through its roller-coaster career of ups and downs. One difficulty remains: the young people have great difficulty in getting Equity cards. They are even more difficult to obtain than an American residential green card. Surely Equity should be generous to the profession of the future? At the moment the only way the youngsters can be sure of a card is to do a stint in a Soho strip club.

he day before this celebration I planted a tree on behalf of West-minster City Council in front of Shell Mex House. It was a real tree, a splendid £500 Londoo plane more than 30ft high and with any luck it will grow up and shield part of its looming neighbour from public view. I congratulate Westminster Council on their oew policy and oo having got rid of those unsightly tubs, auxiliary litter hins, with deceased occupants, which were disfiguring some of the finest ceremonial streets in the capital.

But the council should beware. Planting and, even more, moving trees can be an expensive business, as the great Chatham found when he transported a forest to his home, Burtoo-Pynsent, in Somerset, and went bankrupt. His towering memorial obelisk can still be seen round the uoprotected coping of which the young Bagehot would scamper, terrifying his anxious mother. Walter evidently had a head for heights. A contemporary records that when Mrs Bagehot was attempting to show off her clever boy at one of her brother's levées at Hill House, Langport, he evaded her efforts hy "swarming up a great tree and remained there glaring down on the assembly from the topmost bough in a surprising manner and to the detriment of his Sabbath raiment."

n even greater Sabbath is now approaching and yesterday Lord Airedale mounted his favourite hobby horse and charged off in search of a fixed Easter. Curiously enough a fixed Easter has been on the statute book since 1928 but it needs an order in council to bring it into operation. The proposed date for the immovable Easter day is the first Suoday after the second Saturday in April. More clement weather is the reason most often advanced for the change but I am suspicious of the secularists. The late Richard Crossman undermined Whitsun with his fixed secular bank holiday: when is Mrs Thatcher going to restore it? A fixed Easter is out the same as a common Easter hut agreement among the churches seems unlikely. The World Council of Churches has 239 members. Not much chance of a consensus there, let alone the problem of the Orthodox.



Of course Prescott's a traditionalist be believes in pulling the party apart from the middle'

t this time of the year I often reflect how full of Marys the gospels are. The great Lady apart, there are three who somehow have contrived to become elided or conflated. David Knowles, the distinguished Downside and Peterhouse scholar, once unravelled them all. There was the "sinner" of St Luke's gospel, nameless in the original: the second was Mary of Magdala, liberated from seven devils, who stood at the foot of the cross, rushed into the tomb and was the first to be greeted by the risen Lord: the third was the sister of Martha and Lazarus, a quiet domestic type, who had her moment of glory when she anointed the

Lord's feet before his passion. How did they become compressed into a single person? Two Marys and one anonymous being who acquired the name is one reason: another is that there were two Simons, both hosts at the meals. Before the days of concordances, confusion was under-standable although the character of the elided lady was always incredible, one minute a prostitute, the next diabolically possessed; at one point a mystic and at another a housewife. Pehaps the only important point is that the Lord treated them all with such discriminating love and courtesy, distinguishing so unerringly their

different gifts and needs.

A happy and blessed Easter to all who read this column, including Lord Dacre, whom I am sorry to have offended. I hope that this benediction will not make matters

Elisa Harris urges concerted world pressure on Iraq and Iran

Halt this chemical murder

Iran in the war, to deter further Kurdish military collaboration with Iran, and to force the international community to bring about an end to hostilities in the Gulf and a return to the

status quo ante. Unless the international community acts quickly, the use of chemical weapons is likely to increase still further. In the aftermath of the attacks on Halabja, the head of the Iranian War Information Ministry warned that Tehran might be forced to use chemical weapons in retaliation if the United Nations failed to take action against Iraq.

Pressure may already be building on the mullahs to approve a chemical retaliatory policy, not least because the sons of two senior Iranian leaders, the Speaker of the Parliament and the Prosecutor-General, were among the victims of recent gas attacks while fighting in northern Iraq. For its part, Iraq is now threatening to carry its chemical attacks one step further by launching strikes against major Iranian cities.

Thus far, the international reaction to Iraq's chemical warfare activities has been mixed. United Nations investigative teams sent to the Gulf in 1984, 1986 and 1987 confirmed the use of mustard gas, and possibly of phosene and the nerve agent Tabun, But it was not until 1986 that the UN officially identified Iraq as the guilty party.

Various countries have also banned the sale to both Iraq and Iran of key chemicals that can be be used to produce chemical warfare agents. But many such chemicals have legitimate commercial uses, and are therefore easily obtained oo the international market.

While chemical export controls have probably made it more difficult and more costly

have not prevented either from continuing to develop its chemi-cal warfare capabilities.

Many states believe that an Iranian victory in the war would stimulate Islamic fundamental-ism in the oil producing countries of the Gulf, with disastrous consequences for the entire region. As a result, even though Iraq started the war, intensified the war of the cities, and introduced chemical weapons into the conflict, major weapons deliveries to Baghdad have continued in recent years. The Soviet bloc, France, China and Egypt have been among Iraq's

most important suppliers. This support has undoubtedly made an important contribution to the overall Iraqi war effort. Although Iran has been able to procure comparatively fewer arms than Iraq, it has been able to prolong the war because of the

for Iraq, as well as Iran, to military support provided by acquire chemical weapons, they countries such as North Korea and China.

The time has come, however, for the international community to recognize the wider implica-tions of Iraq's chemical warfare activities. Baghdad has flagrantly and repeatedly violated the Geneva Protocol of 1925 which hans the use of chemical (as well as biological) weapons.
As a result, the long-standing taboo against chemical warfare is in danger of breaking down.

We might soon see chemical weapons being transferred more freely between states, and perhaps even to terrorist groups. Non-nuclear weapons states, in Non-nuclear weapons states, in particular, may move to develop, and possibly even use, this "poor man's" weapon of mass destruction. And as chemical weapons proliferate, the possibility of a resurgence of interest in biological weapons. interest in biological weapons becomes more likely as well.

Already, rumours have been circulating that Inq is seeking to develop a biological weapons capability of its own.

If these highly destabilizing developments are to be fore-stalled, the international community must take three urgent steps. First, states that are supplying arms to Iraq must make it clear that any further use of chemical weapons will result in an immediate arms embargo Second, priority must be given to intensified efforts to bring the Gulf War to a halt including, if necessary, an arms embargo against Iran.

Finally, it is high time that the global ban on chemical weapons currently under discussion at the disarmament conference in Geneva be placed at the top of the East-West arms control agenda. Only through such concerted efforts will it be possible to ensure that last week's horrendous events in Halabja will not

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The Kremlin's Christian pawns

he Reagan-Gorbachov summit will take place sooner and last longer than had been expected, suggesting that the President intends to spend a few days looking around Moscow, a city he has never seen. The timing is significant because the visit coincides with the celebrations of the millennium: on the Sunday after the President's departure, the bells of Yelokhovsky Cathedral will ring in 1,000 years of Orthodox Christianity in Russia.

Last week the world was witness to horrifying pictures in newspapers and on television of the

effects of Iraqi chemical weapon attacks on the Kurdish town of

Halabja in northern Iraq. Al-

though the precise number of Kurdish victims is not known,

Western correspondents taken to the town soon after the attacks

reported seeing hundreds of

bodies of women, children and

elderly people in the now nearly

claim that the Iraqi chemical attacks left as many as 5,000 dead and many thousands injured. Many of the victims bore

signs of exposure to mustard gas, while others seemed to have

been affected by a very quick-

acting chemical such as cyanide

The Iraqi ambassador to London has denied that his

country used chemical weapons

at Halabja and has claimed that

the attacks were really the work

of Iranian military forces. But Iraq has always officially denied

having used chemical weapons in the Gulf War, despite firm evidence that it has repeatedly

In all likelihood, these latest Iraqi attacks were designed to

punish the Kurds for siding with

done so since at least 1984.

or the nerve agent Sarin.

Kurdish and Iranian officials

empty streets.

By the end of May, the eyes of the world will be on Moscow, the "Third Rome" of the Christian tradition, decked out in the splendour of universal peace and cternal love. What better backdrop for talks oo disarmament?

The use of Christianity by the Soviet leadership as a propaganda spectacle may seem strange to some. It has become fashionable to see religious belief as a threat to the Soviet Union, oot a support of it. On this Good Friday of 1988 it is particularly appropriate that the history of the church under Soviet rule should be clearly known. In 1943, Stalin summoned the

head of the Orthodox Church, which had been consistently persecuted and all but exterminated during the previous decades, to the Kremlin. Stalin was a master of perestroika, a term which he, long before Gorbachov, had introduced into the vocahulary of Soviet propaganda. He had been educated as priest in his youth. But when Metropolitan Sergiy was delivcred to the Kremlin on the night of September 3, even Stalin's closest associates could oot have guessed that the seminarianturned-statesman had far-reaching plans for the "restructuring"

.The indescribable terror and agooy which October 1917 had brought into the lives of Christian believers was not on Stalin's mind as he asked Sergiy why the church was "short of cadres" ("Because", replied the future Patriarch of Moscow and All the Russias, "we train a man for priesthood, and he becomes a generalissimo!").

What Stalin envisaged was a

suited to his strategic goal of a nationalist totalitarian empire. In fact, as early as 1932, a Soviet apologist in the West claimed that, under Stalin, Russia was "gradually and ever more thoroughly ridding itself of the buzzing fly of Marxism" and prophesied a "Russian Caesar"

of the future. But it was not until the war that "revolutionary" Marxism, with its European intellectual heritage, gave way to "Great Russian" chauvinist nationalism in carnest, requiring the church to play a part in Stalin's ideological perestroika.

Soviet and Western historians alike have tended to interpret the change as an attempt on Stalin's part to boost patriotism in the war against Hitler. Had the reconciliation with the church takeo place in 1941, when the Soviet army was suffering its worst defeats, such an explanation would have been more plausible. That it occurred on September 3, 1943 — some six months after the tide had turned at Stalingrad and on the very day that the Allies signed an armistice with Italy - indicates that Stalin's plans for the church were more far-reaching.

n 1943-1953, the number of functioning churches in Russia rose from a high estimate of 1,000 to some 25,000, nearly half of the pre-1917 total. On the occasion of Stalin's 70th birthday, on December 21, 1949, they resounded with a Te Deum, as the naternally solicitous guardian' was showered with homiletic praise for his deyania (apostolic deeds). With the map of Europe recently redrafted to his satisfaction, the imperial dream was at last a totalitarian reality, complete with an ancient church then celebrating 500 years of its

ecclesiastical independence.

Apart from its domestic policy role as a spokesman for Soviet "Great Russian" nationalism, by the late 1940s the church was presentable enough to function as a propaganda mouthpiece abroad: in April 1949, for instance, it was instrumental in organizing the first congress of



the World Peace Council in Paris, followed by the first international conference of the Friends of Peace in Moscow later

It was this "ecumenical" function that Stalin's successors, after his death in 1953, encourseed the church to exercise: the World Conference on the Reduction of International Tensioe (Stockholm, 1954), the World Peace Assembly (Hel-sinki, 1955), the World Congress on Disarmament and International Co-operation (Stockholm, 1958), the World Congress on Disarmament and Peace

(Moscow, 1962), and the World Congress for Peace, National-Independence, and Disarmament (Moscow, 1965) are some of the events of the post-Stalin years in which the church played a major part, first in conjunction with the World Peace Council and later under the auspices, among others, of the Christian Peace Conference (which it helped to found in 1958), and the World Council of Churches (which it joined in 1961).

While the new men at the top took swift action to neutralize the church as the agent of a domestic policy they associated with their predecessor (for in-stance, in CPSU central committee decrees of July 7 and. November 10, 1954), the practical task of reducing the church to its "ccumenical" component fell to Khrushchev personally. By 1965, fewer than 8,000 churches remained open. Nevertheless, when Aleksiy, Patriarch Sergiy's successor since 1944, died in 1970, he had not one but four Orders of the Red Banner of Labour to his name "for patri-

otic activity in defence of peace". The present Patriarch, Pimen, has carned two such decorations since 1971, and the activities of

Gorbachov and his predecessors have justified the honour. Since 1982, international conferences in Moscow have addressed such timely issues as "The Defence of the Holy Gift of Life from Nuclear Holocaust" (May 1982), Economic and Moral Ramifications of Nuclear Freeze" (March 1983), "Cosmos Without Weapons" (April 1984) and "New Dangers to the Holy Gift of Life" (February 1985), drawing participants from as many as 90 countries.

n the words of the author of Sovremennoe russkoe prav-oslavie (Russian Orthodoxy Today, Leningrad 1987), published to mark the millennium, "peace activism, expressing the fundamental social interests of Socialist citizens in a religious form, is new to the Russian Orthodox Church and characteristic of the current phase in its evolutioo".

Where such "evolutioo" will take the church is open to conjecture. One thing is certain, however; come June, she will once again play the part written for her by Stalin.

Western observers of the Soviet scene have often voiced their belief that the church, and religion generally, may have an ameliorating, "liberalizing" ef-fect on the regime. Yet no church can survive as a spiritual entity in a totalitarian state, and those who suggest otherwise are playing into the hands of Gorbachov's propagandists.

Coojuring up Dostoevsky's Great Inquisitor with his prophecy of universal slavery Christ's name", the Yugoslav writer Mihajlo Mihajlov has cautioned us that totalitarianism may one day accept religion. What it can never accept is individual freedom, without which religion is only an instrument of oppression at home and of deception abroad. That is one lesson of the millennium which President Reagan is un-

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

No jettisoning Jesse

campaign has begun. I hope it fails. His nomination as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate would galvanize American politics. It would shake the white establishment out of its complacent stupor and would boost the confidence and morale of black people in America and around the world.

That Jackson has to be taken seriously is at last being acknowledged. It is oot just that he has routed all the opposition within his own party on their own battlegrounds, including the redouhtable and much-fancied Michael Dukakis. He has also collected the largest number of delegates. That, presumably, counts for something, or why bother with the whole expensive paraphemalia of the primaries?

If Jesse Jackson ends up with a majority, or even the largest number of delegates, at the Atlanta convention in July, he will have to be endorsed as the party's choice for president. On that there can be no equivocation. It is presumptuous and preposterous to argue, as some in the Democratic Party hierarchy are now doing that, whatever happens, however many pri-maries and caucuses he wins, no matter how many delegates are pledged to him, Jesse Jackson cannot be anointed as the nominee because he cannot win the

November election. Perhaps he can't. But that is not the point. The point will be that Democratic Party members will have decided by the method accepted by all who their candidate shall be. It is not then for Washington-based so-called elders to arrogate to themselves

the right to repudiate the voice of the "people" on the basis of evidence provided by polls. Apart from being undemocratic it's absurd. And anyway, who are these people who set themselves np as the arbiters of who is and who is not electable? For the Democratic Party

even to flirt with such a possibility is to berray all that is best in its own past. Even to oudge it forward as a suggestion that can be entertained and discussed is both cowardly and unprincipled. This, remember, is the liberal party, the one that boasts of its campaign for equality, that claims to fight discrimination and promote civil rights. It cannot enjoin all these desirable values on others if, when it really counts, it eschews them itself.

To draft Mario Cuomo or some other white liberal who had disdained the hustings to be the party's saviour, as some now advocate, would be a monumental and cynical betrayal of all principle, of democratic values and of black people. It would also be extraordinarily stupid, and probably electorally counter-productive. It is difficult, in such circumstances, to envisage many blacks, or decent whites, voting Democrat now or in the near future.

The consequences for race relations would be horrendous. The deposing and humiliation of Jesse Jackson would be the clearest possible signal to blacks everywhere that white Americans, including the liberals, cannot be trusted. When it comes to questions of power they can be as dismissive and disregarding of blacks as Botha at his worst. What a provocative message that

late as to its consequences' lo any case, who says a black radical preacher is unelectable? The Americans have elected worse, several times. They have even resorted to a B-movie

The British haven't always been much better. It was said, in the US, that it was impossible for a Roman Catholic to get to the White House, until Kennedy hreezed in, and with style. A Pole could not be Pope or a woman the leader of the British Conservative Party. The latter was a ridiculous impossibility. The lads in the 1922 Committee and the old boys at the Carlton Club wouldn't wear it. And even if they did, the electorate wouldn't buy it. The Labour Party agreed. with undisguised glee. And look

what happened. It may well be that Jackson would have to soften his image, distance himself a little from the likes of Castro and Arafat, and moderate his anti-American and anti-capitalist tone. All this may be the price he would have to pay for electoral success. But I wonder. While it seems

Thatcher is so successful. Maybe

Neil Kinnock ought to take note.

inconceivable that a majority of Americans, black and white, share these views it does seem possible that they are prepared to tolerate them in a candidate who has other gifts and virtues. Perhaps they will accept them in a man who shows that he cares for the underdog, who has strong convictions and is prepared to fight for them. Maybe the electorate prefers politicians with passion than those jostling for manipulating the growth conplace. Perhaps that's why Mrs

SCIENCE REPORT

Blood money

fal results from two clinical studies of a drug to treat beart attacks has been announced by the American company Gen-entech, pushing it even further into the big leagues of the pharmaceutical industry. Founded in 1976, Geneatech is now America's leading biotechnology com-pany. It developed the first two products of biotechnology to

The announcement of success-

reach the market, human in-sulia and human growth hor-mone. But its blood clot-dissolving drug tissue plas-minogen activator (TPA) proves that biotechnology can be immensely profitable: sales topped \$58 million only six weeks after its approval for sale last November. TPA, a protein that occurs

naturally in the body, prevents uncontrolled clotting. Most heart attacks are caused by blood clots forming on fatty deposits in a coronary artery, cutting off the blood supply to the heart and starving the heart muscle of oxygen and nutrients. The clots consist of fibrin, a netlike substance which traps blood cells.

TPA acts by stimulating lasmin, a naturally occurring enzyme which breaks up the fibrin net, dissolving the clots. Geneatech produces TPA by recombinant DNA technology, or gene-splicing. The human TPA gene, the blueprint for the manufacture of TPA, is inserted into mammalian cells grown in culture. By carefully



ditions of the cultures, the cells can be coaxed into secreting quantities of TPA large ugh to be used for medical

approval for sale was obtained only after an ardnous review. To prove its effectiveness and obtain a licence for sale, Genentech amassed data on the ability of the drug to break down clots. But the US Food and Drug Administration at first turned down Geneatech's request because the company had no evidence that breaking down blood clots prolonged the life of the patient. After much public debate over the propriety of keeping a potentially life-saving drug off the market, TPA was approved five Now, clinical proof of TPA's

but Generatech is expected apply for US approval for this ase later in the year. purposes.

The new drug was controversial and US government (\$2,000 per dose), a recent survey indicates that over half. of all US cardiologists would use it over streptokinase, the other available clot-dissolving drug, which costs only \$200 a

dose. Their preference for TPA may be swayed by the results of a study expected later this year comparing the effectiveness of TPA with that of an enhanced version of streptokinase named Eminase being developed by Beecham But analysts still predict that Geneatech will reap revennes of \$250 million for sales

of TPA this year. CAROL EZZELL

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likely to learn in June.

The author is a Russian-born writer and journalist living in

effectiveness in reducing the mortality rate of heart attack

patients and a demonstration

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have been announced. The first study, conducted by the

European Co-operative Study

Group, compared the results of

TPA versus a placebo in 700

beart attack patients. TPA reduced deaths by one half

The second study contrasted

TPA's ability to break down blood clots in the hing to that

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rently approved for the treatment of blood clots in the lung.

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As now, so in the eighteenth century Church of England, as it settled comfortably into relaxed security after the religious quarrels and excitement of the previous era. The edge of the Gospel story was being blunted, and its brutal images and strong demands were being diluted into polite and acceptable social conventions. The Church was ripe for an upset, and it duly received an appropriate jolter - John Wesley.

The mission of the founder of Methodism was to present the truths of Christianity in fresh ways to those who had grown indifferent. He challenged them to conversion and commitment. He made them nucomfortable. He insisted, above all, that "Christian perfection" was an ideal to which all should aspire, and which should neither be the exclusive concern of the over-pious nor the professional right of the cleric.

His conversion, 250 years ago, is being commemorated this year throughout the Methodist Church worldwide. He still has a lesson for the present day - that to make religion less demanding is not necessarily to make it more attractive.

Parallels between the religious climate of 1738 and 1988 must always be made with care. But at both times many would regard the Church of England as a church without fire. Christianity has become part of the cultural wall-paper, no longer wanting to stand out.

The churches have responded to the mood of the age by emphasizing where they can come to terms with it, and diminishing what distinguishes them from it. The rise in the incidence of cults in the last two decades can be attributed in no small part to the lifelessness in the older forms of religious belief and practice, and their consequent failure to hold the

enthusiasm and idealism of youth.

Wesley was a loyal Anglican, no selfappointed saviour of mankind, nor is or was Methodism ever a cult in the modern sense; but the cause of his mission and the explanation of its success both lay less in what he was doing right than in what the Church was doing wrong. That is just as true of the rise of modern cults.

Modern Methodists would be wise to admit that they are now in the Church of England's boat themselves, and that their own sharp edge has also been blunted by two centuries of institutional religion. A modern Wesley would be as likely to lead a revival movement outside Methodism as within it. The vivid hymns of his brother Charles Wesley, so novel and stirring at the time, are now the old favourites, sung more for nostalgia as for fervour.

The Church of England itself is beginning to reclaim Wesley as one of its own at last. That may be an ecumenical advance. But it is also a sign that modern Wesleyism has lost its spikes and is now safe to embrace.

What distinguished early Methodism was its intense appeal to the working class. The immediate measure of the Church of England's failure to recognize its importance was its inability to welcome these new converts into its own fellowship. It was the established Church's last great chance to create for itself a working-class base, and it was missed.

Methodism's membership has now become very similar to that of Anglicanism. Whatever it was that explained Wesley's appeal to the unchurched folk of England, it seems gradually to have faded.

Wesley saw that Christianity has hard truths to tell, and should not be shy of them. At the commemoration of Jesus Christ's death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Day, the Church must resist the temptation to blur the reality of those events by turning them into sentimental metaphors, or merely extracting from them some point of comparison in order to give them spurious relevance to everyday life. On their own terms, they are relevant enough already.

SCHOOLS OF HOPE

Behind yesterday's row about Amnesty and the IRA, behind the police search for the vicious funeral killers, behind the violence and the high-volume arguments which disfigure the public life of Northern Ireland, some small progress towards a better life for the province quietly goes on. This week, for example, the Government issued a consultation paper on school reform. It included a benign nudge in favour of integrated schooling - a move as welcome as so much Irish news is not.

For many decades, the Protestant and Roman Catholic communities in Northern Ireland have educated almost all of their children in parallel but separately maintained decades, small groups of (mostly middle-class) parents have voiced the desire to send their children to integrated schools.

By degrees, these groups became a fledgling movement and in due course founded an integrated secondary school on the outskirts of Belfast. Other local initiatives took place often very quietly. Those involved have no incentive to draw attention to themselves and every reason not to do so. In addition to the tiny number that were founded as integrated schools, others have struggled to alter themselves with the permission, sometimes reluc-

tant or covert, of the authorities. The Government now proposes an additional form of status, to be called unattractively "grant-maintained integrated status". Demand for integrated schooling cannot be met entirely by the creation of new schools, it says, because of the need for a school to attract enough pupils and teach a balanced curriculum before it can

receive state funds. The struggling fund-raisers for the handful of integrated schools which started from scratch would readily testify to problems of this trap. Just at the moment that a school gets over its worst financial problems, it becomes eligible for the very government money which was kept out of reach when it needed it most.

The Government has been slow to respond to the mtegration movement, fearful of political controversy, anxious about preserving standards in new institutions and conscious of the opposition of the Roman Catholic hierarchy - which has lately been moderated. It has rather laid emphasis on the relative. stability of school institutions in a turbulent society - also on the virtual identity of the syllabuses in the two systems.

But, it may be asked, is the new move compatible with the Government's desire in the rest of the country to allow parental demand to create and maintain separate denominational schools? The answer is that it looks extremely unlikely that many - if any parents will be thwarted in their wishes for. denominational education.

This is not because the Government is incapable of inconsistency between Northern Ireland and the rest of the country. There are numerous examples of that. It owes more to political reality. The Roman Catholic schools are the one major social institution which that Church owns, controls and populates in Northern Ireland. The Government has always been, and clearly remains, very unwilling to mount any frontal challenge to that position.

The change proposed is in fact perfectly consistent with the philosophy of extending the scope of parental choice. In Northern Ireland. it happens that the unsatisfied demand is for further integration; on the mainland, it happens to take the form of greater separatism.

The desire for integrated schooling is normally explained as a way of dissolving barriers which create communal division. Although some hope can be placed in this argument, it should not be exaggerated. Terrorism has stopped the society being one in which inter-communal fear and suspicion can be reduced on a wide scale by integrating children before prejudices have time to harden. While confessional division certainly still remains, it has been compounded and altered by two decades of familiarity with paramilitary violence.

The most important division in Northern Ireland is between those who yearn for the peaceful assurance of democratic politics and those who practise or endorse violence as a political method. Teachers and schools should certainly build bridges between religions, but they face a massively important task in education for citizenship and in teaching the moral and intellectual perception to see through those who market and package murder to make it appealing to young minds.

RU A1 OK

The Government's critics have been surprisingly quiet this week about the news that Mr Paul Channon and his colleagues have turned their attention from the family silver to its scrap metal pile. The Transport Secretary, after lengthy scrutiny and Cabinet approval, is preparing to dispose of old car number plates. This is surely something of which Labour should disapprove, it being both entrepreneurial and an addition to the fun of life.

Business in used car number plates is booming. In the last eight years the annual total of re-registrations at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre in Swansea has doubled to nearly 70,000, as motorists have looked for new ways to to solve their identity

As the DVLC charges £80 for the clerical work involved and nuisance value, the Treasury already benefits substantially from the commerce. But it wants still more. The proposal is that it should become much more directly interested by not only registering the transfers but selling the new numbers too.

A number of private companies already profit handsomely from this trade. Some drivers will pay several hundred pounds for their initials or company logo, while more famous acronyms and combinations are worth many thousands on the open market. Many fetch £10,000 or more while VIP 1 has been priced at £100,000. The right number can cost much more than the car.

Some numbers, however, have never been issued. Those that spell out obscenities or offensive messages are likely to remain banned from use. But others have never been issued because, says the DVLC, the demand for them would be overwhelming, leading to competition which might be against the public interest. All figures under 20 have been held back every year, on the equally unconvincing argument that as everyone would want one, it

is better to let nobody have one. Some desirable items have slipped through. The comedian, Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, reportedly drives around in a car with the number plate COM 1C and the conjurer Mr Paul Daniels with MAG IC. But others like ELV 1S, DI ANA and CHR 1S remain stored on the DVLC computer. The gleam in Mr Channon's eve foretells their impending sale at market prices.

It is not a very edifying public trade, it will be said. Personalized number plates suggest a vulgar and ostentations form of vanity particularly when they cost more than the cars. But it is harmless, perfectly legal, and clearly brings pleasure to those who so choose to induige themselves. Those who want to stop the Government need some A1 arguments,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realities of life on the Rock

From the Chief Minister

of Gibraltar Sir, I fail to see why the position of my people as regards relations with Spain should cast any given size of shadow over Anglo-Spanish relations (leading article, March 28). We wish to live in peace and harmony with our neighbours but not to have their flag fly over our Rock. We cannot understand why you or anyone else should expect to have the right to consider it "unreasonable" that we should not make "concessions" to be allowed to live in peace.

Her Majesty has no more loyal subjects than the people of Gibraltar and it is natural that we should expect, with our strong belief in the values of British society and the sense of fair play of the British people that we will not be coerced or intimidated to serve the perceived national interests of others al the expense of ours.

After 16 years in public life I doubt whether there are political realities that I am not aware of and you can teach me. However I certainly mean everything I say and have no intention of betraying the sacred trust that I have to place the interests of my people first and ensure that I am reflecting accurately their wishes.

I am sure, if you give the matter further thought, you will come to realise that the qualities of not sacrificing principle to opportunism and not giving in to political realities, for example within the EEC when it comes to defending British interests, are those your newspaper has often admired in Mrs Thatcher. They are no less admirable in any other political leader. Yours faithfully,

J. BASSANO. 6 Convent Place. Gibraltar. March 30.

From Mr J. L. Pitaluga Sir, I write as leader of the Independent Democratic Party (internally, not externally, in-dependent) which, launched only in mid-January, nevertheless managed to gain over 12 per cent of votes cast in last week's election. May I comment briefly on your editorial of March 28:

I. Madrid's acquiescence to the deregulation of airlines in Europe should not have been conditional on Spanish joint use of Gibraltar's facilities. Gibraltar was fully entitled, under Community law, to inclusion in the deregulation package. We just happened to be, in the face of the Spanish veto in June last year, the sacrifice required for the package to proceed.

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traffic and the resumption of the ferry to Algerias were the subject of a separate agreement which had nothing to do with the airport and which were obligations which Spain had accepted under the Lisbon Agreement of 1980 and the Brussels Agreement of 1984, not to mention the Community's rules on freedom of movement.

3. Throughout the election campaign my party has insisted that Gibraltar should be represented at future Anglo-Spanish talks as part of the British delegation, 42 per cent of voters disagree with Mr

Bossano on this. 4. Why is it unreasonable for Gibraltarians to oppose con-cessions to Madrid? Any more unreasonable than, say, the Falkland islanders, with the support of London, to oppose concessions to Buenos Aires?

5. Gibraltar no longer depends on Britain for development aid, but I agree that Mr Bossano has to recognise economic realities and that Gibraltar should not be subjected to his outdated, leftwing economic theories. Yours faithfully, I. L. PITALUGA.

Independent Democratic Party, 22 Prince Edward's Road, Gibraltar. March 29.

Posts and outposts From Ms Elizabeth Asfaw

Sir, I have followed the correspondence regarding late deliveries by the Post Office and I thought you would be interested to learn that The Times gets to this box number in two days. Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH ASFAW, PO Box 3005, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

No kidding?

From Mr Ludovic Kennedy Sir. With reference to Mr Chris

Boningtoo's forthcoming expedition to the Himalayas to search for the "abominable snowman", or yeti (report and photograph, March 31), he will oo doubt be aware of an interview I conducted 29 years ago tomorrow, as presenter of the Associated Rediffusion (as it was then) televisioo programme, This Week, with a Professor Duncan Grant-Hetherington, of the University of Camelford.

The professor and a colleague had recently returned from the Himalayas, where they claimed to have come upon a yeti unawares. They produced as evidence a rather blurred photograph and what the professor called a cast of its foot and a piece of its fur. Yours etc.

LUDOVIC KENNEDY, Ashdown, Avebury, Wiltshire. March 31.

Freedom of speech on the campus

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool

Sir, In his article, "This poisonedtvy league" (March 28), Bernard Levin has failed to comprehend the responsibilities placed on universities under the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 and, consequently, has made a totally unwarranted and unworthy attack on this university.

Under the Act, university premises are given unique status in that, so far as is reasonably practicable, freedom of speech must be secured upon them. A very wide range of people besides students (including all employees and many "associated" with the university) may enjoy this freedom, both for themselves and for those whom they bring on to university premises. As a result, the preparation of an effective code under the Act required great thoroughness.

Liverpool University is and always has been determined to preserve freedom of speech in spiril and in law and has responded very positively to the challenge of this legislation. It was considered by a working party which involved two professors, three student representatives, a Queen's counsel and a practising solicitor. The students played a full and effective part in the drafting of the code and in its final form it was agreed by all without dissent. It was thereafter adopted by the university and the Guild of

Undergraduates. The working party was obvi-ously concerned that the new special status given to university premises should not be open to abuse by an outside group having only a technical and extremely tenuous link with the university, but using that link to place ohligations on the university Hence the specific power (one of 10) that the university might require payment in advance of hire charges and other possible contingencies is reasonable; indeed, it is potentially very important in seeking to prevent

During the working party's deliberations it was clearly understood that if this power were used in the way suggested by Bernard Levin, such use would amount to a breach of the code.

It is worth mentioning that the code creates clear offences so that those actually responsible for impeding freedom of speech can. be subject to disciplinary action. That is because Bernard Levin's concern at the damage created hy reckless extremists is well founded. He must be clear, bowever, that universities should have adequate powers to deal with the subtle threats they pose. Yours sincerely, GRAEME J. DAVIES. Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool, Senate House,

Abercromby Square, PO Box 147, Liverpool. March 29.

Family law From Mr Peter Riches

Sir, It was good to see in your report (March 15) that so many MPs from both sides of the House are becoming very impatient at the lack of progress on establishing family courts.

The implementation of new family law, new child-care law and a family court system is an exceedingly complex legal and administrative task. Implementation will need to be phased. But the changes in content of the law and the necessary changes in the court systems must be planned together so that they are as coherent and straightforward as possible. None of the three can be made to work properly alone.

The Solicitor General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, has the admirable intention of getting "child courts and family law right". However, the Government must start somewhere. There never will be a perfect system and waiting for exactly the right law and right court structure is a recipe for continuing misery for many children and families.

Nor is there an argument against such reforms on cost grounds. There is no evidence yet produced which suggests that family courts will cost more certainly in the long run; indeed the savings to the NHS, local authorities, central government and the taxpayer could be substantial if the system were set up properly.

The damage to families of the present courts is widely experienced and well documented. When will families become a priority? Yours faithfully,

PETER RICHES (Coordinator), Family Courts Campaign, c/o 8 Wakley Street, EC1. March 16.

Too much on top

From Mr C. F. Wilson Sir, Since you report (March 26) that many balding meo may be able to have their hair restored, could not the tricbologists turn their attention to those other sufferers like myself whose hair grows too abundantly, even in their seventies?

Not only is this condition costly in time, money and temper, but we unfortunates always appear unkempt. How I yearn for a tidy head of flesh. Yours faithfully, CHARLES F. WILSON,

14 Royal Chase,

Tunbridge Wells, Kent. March 28.

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury Sir, All the evidence Bernard

take its guarantee so seriously that

we are prepared to go to considerable lengths to fulfil it. How on

earth can the elaborate arrange-

laziness, indifference and coward-

we expect our students to avoid.

tion of exemplary severity.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent at Canterbury,

Sir, The essence of the right of

freedom of speech is a commend-

able ideal, yet it is both naive and

dangerous to enforce il withoul

what amount to very limited

We do not wish racist speakers

to stir up ignorant and bigoted

prejudice amongst the community

which could lead to violence,

particularly against overseas stu-

dents. Unfortunately, from time to time we are forced to ensure

safety on campus, ourselves, by

non-violent demonstrations and

We are sure Mr Levin would join us in condemning the ig-norance which led to serious racial

attacks at the University of Kent

four years ago. Then the police

would not visit the campus to help

prevent these crimes taking place.

The Registry, The University, Canterbury, Kent.

From Mr Steve Smith and

Yours truly.

March 29.

restrictions.

protest.

Yours faithfully,

Students' Union

The University,

Mandela Building,

Canterbury, Kent.

Secretary.

March 29.

Mr Ben Osborne

DAVID INGRAM,

Levin so colourfully (and par-tially) presents should have led him to reach very different conclusions. I am happy to reassure him and your readers that freedom of speech is very secure at the University of Kent Indeed, we

nance Bill, whose principal purpose is to introduce the "community charge" in England, has now completed its committee stage in the House of Commons. The Bill, being a controversial one, is predictably now subject to a guillotine motion. Despite this, the Government

ments we made which he describes be taken as evidence of ice? This is the kind of nonsence The only intolerance Bernard Levin will find at Keni is of those who seek to inhibit freedom of expression. Such behaviour is regarded as an extremely serious offence deserving disciplinary ac-

> The passage of enabling legisla-tion allowing statutes 10 be amended by statutory instrument should always be a cause for concern. Concern should surely progress to outright opposition when the legislation comes for-ward not only unheralded in the second-reading debate, hul at an advanced stage in the guillotined

liament require, Yours faithfully.

Chief Executive The Library Association.
7 Ridgmount Street, WC1. March 24.

STEVE SMITH, President, BEN OSBORNE, General ON THIS DAY University of Kent at Canterbury.

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From Mrs Joy Heiseler Sir, Why are the law-breaking students exposed by Bernard Levin not expelled from their places in higher education? They downhearted? would be if they broke the law in other ways. Should taxpayers be expected to subsidize such unpleasant people?

Yours faithfully, JOY HEISELER, 18 Attimore Close. Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

March 28.

From Miss Emma Jones Sir, A system of "litter-picking" has been in operation at my school for several years and works quite successfully. It is used as a minor punishment for offences such as illegal uniform, being late for roll call and the like.

A punishing task

The offender is presented with a dustbin bag and given an area of the school to clear. Once this area is deemed "immaculate" by a certain member of staff, the punishment has finished.

The job can be very unpleasant, especially when the weather is against you, and so encourages a swift and efficient job to be carried out. What's more, our head-master, who has an absolute loathing of litter, was to be seen pottering around the close, picking up any offending objects, long before Mrs Thatcher put on her little performance (report, March

The Earl of Bradford (March 28)

has made a valid point. If it can work for Dover College, why not the entire country? Yours faithfully. Belmont House, Dover College, Dover, Kent. March 28.

Safety on trains

From Mrs Gertrude Shilling Sir, There is only one solution to stop the danger to women travel-ling alone ("Woman's body found on train", March 24) and that is to bring back "ladies only" compartments. If then a woman sees a man attempting to enter the carriage she can immediately pull the communication cord.

I have often travelled alone in a corridor compartment, and been the sole occupant of it. This is even more fraught than travelling alone in a single compartment. Yours faithfully, GERTRUDE SHILLING,

153 Clarence Gate Gardens, NW1. March 24.

Language of flowers From Alice M. Fennell

Sir, While stopping at Harrow-onthe-Hill tube station, I noticed that when the Daffodils are closed up they shake their heads. And that when they are opened out they nod there heads! I dont think that any body has noticed this, so that i think I'm the onley one who has noticed it. Yours sincerly

ALICE M. FENNELL (aged 8), Juniper Cottage, 125 Harefield Road Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Guillotine fears for libraries

From the Chief Executive of the Library Association

Sir, The Local Government Fi-

has recently announced that it proposes to introduce a whole new part into the Bill by means of amendments. The new part would be an enabling provision, allowing Government, by statutory instrument, lo amend current statutory provisions on the powers and duties of local authorities to levy charges for some of their services. II was in anticipation of the passage of this enabling legislation that the Minister for the Arts published last month (report, February 24) a Green Paper setting oul how he provisionally thinks the powers ought to be exercised in relation to public libraries.

proceedings on the Bill.

In these circumstances the provisions cannot possibly receive the careful consideration which the normal procedures of Par-

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.



George V visited his troops during the last great German offensive. A modest man, he was learly moved by the tremendous response to his call, "Are we

KING AT THE FRONT.

VISIT TO THE BATTLE

TROOPS. The King ... sent a letter to the C-in-C, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, expressing admi-ration for "the indomitable courage and unflinching tenacity" displayed by all those resisting the German advance. . .

His Majesty returned on Saturday night, after travelling over 300 miles by mntor-car among the troops, mingling freely and informally with them, and assuring them of his pride and confidence in them. Everywhere the little Royal Standard flying on his car was recognized by the soldiers, and over and over again the car was stopped while the King alighted to shake hands and chat with the men as they surged cheering around him. There were parties of infantry going to or from the lines, artillery nn the move, machine-gunners. engineers, cavalrymen - men of every hranch of the Service - all equally enthusiastic and full of good spirits. The wounded in the hospitals and advanced clearing stations and in the ambulance trains were wonderfully cheerful. Confidence ruled everywhere. The feeling of the Armies, as it was expressed by nfficers and men alike, was: "We're all right nut here. How about the people at home? Send us more men"...

INCIDENTS BY THE WAY.

 Motoring along a road, a halt was abreast of a Labour Battalion which was resting after a six-miles march. The King moved down the companies, talking freely and giving the men the latest news from the battle front. They asked him many questions with a frank familiarity which greatly pleased him, and, as he moved off, gave throat to a tremendous whooping.

Later in the afternoon, on his return journey, the King again came upon more resting troops. A mass of men, spying his car, made a rush and aurrounded it. The King descended, and laughing asked, "Who are you?" We are the -," came the reply. "Oh, we all know the -," replied the King, thereby calling down a thunderous roar. But when, in departing, his Majesty cried out, "Are we downhearted?" such an enthusiestic uproar broke loose that the cattle peaceably grazing half a mile off stopped munching and raised their beads to see whence the noise came.

The afternoon the King spent mainly among the wounded. He first visited two hospital trains which were taking their suffering freights en route for base bosnitals. A strapping soldier, obviously born in the Colonies, leaned forward in his seat as the King opened the door, looking critically at him a moment, then, painfully extending his hand, said, "I've often heard of you. Put it right there!" - Reuter.



COURT CIRCULAR

March 31: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Lichfield City Station in the Royal Train this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Stafford-shire (Sir Arthur Bryan).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Lichfield Cathedral and were received by the Bishop of Lichfield (the Right Reverend Keith Sutton) and the Dean of Lichfield (the Very Reverend J. H. Lang).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Maundy Service at which The Queen distributed the Royal Maundy.

The Bishop of Rochester (the Right Reverend David Say, DD, Lord High Almoner) and and the Sub-Almoner (the Reverend Canon Anthony Caesar) were

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard were

Afterwards, The Queen with The Duke of Edinburgh, attended a reception at the Dean-ery. Her Majesy there received the Right Reverend David Say DD, on his retirement as Lord High Almoner and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Vic-torian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later walked to the Civic Hall, where Her Majesty honoured the Chairman of Lich-field District Council (Councillor C. McEwan) with her presence at luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Lady Farnham. Mr Robert Fellowes and Licutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence. RN, later left Birmingham Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 31: The Duchess of York, accompanied by The Duke of York, was this evening admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Mak-ers at Stationers Hall, London EC4.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Greville Spratt) and the Master of the Company (Mr M. B. Tollin).

KENSINGTON PALACE March 31: The Prince of Wales
this afternoon opened an Exhibition of Zimbabwean stone sculpture, organised by the African Centre, at the Barbican

The Hon Rupert Fairfax was

The Princess of Wales attended a luncheon organised by Capital Radio, in aid of 'Help a Lendon Child', at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Commander Richard Aylard. RN were in attendance.

Mr P.H. Grant, Chairman of Sun Life Assurance Society plc, regrets that he was unable to attend the memorial service for

Birthdays today

Miss Brigitte Askonas, immunologist, 65; Professor A.M. Barrett, vice-chancellor, Buckingham University, 58; the Rev Norman Drummond, headmaster, Loretto School, 36; Mr A.K. Gill, chairman, Lucas Industries, 58: Mr David Gower, cricketer, 31; Sir Paul Hasluck, former Governor-General of Australia, 83; Sir Vicholas Henderson, diplo 69; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton jockey, 47; Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, 62; Professor M.L. McGlashan, chemist, 64; Mr Justice Mac-pherson of Cluny, 62; Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, Russian and Balkan historian, 70, Mrs Marie Patterson, trades unionist. 54; Mr Charles H. Price, II. American Ambassador, 57; M Steve Race, musician and broadcaster, 67; Professor Sir Peter Tizard, paediatrician. 72.

Luncheon

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host a a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr George Vassiliou, President of Cyprus. The others guests we Mr George Iacovou, the High Commissioner for Cyprus, Sir-Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr W J A Wilberforce and Mr Charles

Appointments

1578: L'Ahbé Prèvost, novelist, Hesdin. France, 1697: Prince Ollo von Bismarck, chancellor of Germany, 1871-90. Schönhausen, 1815; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Mr Michael Honey, chief exec-utive of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames since 1980, to be Chief Executive of New Plymouth, New Zealand, London Docklands 1858: Ferrucio Busoni, pianist and composer. Empoli, Italy, 1866: Edmond Rostand, drama-Development Corporation. Mr Brian Walmsley 10 be Civil Service Commissioner in tist. Marseilles, 1868; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and formed, absorbing the Royal pianist, Omeg. Russia, 1873; Flying Corps. 1918. succession to Mr N. B. J.

The Jew as scapegoat Who killed Jesus? It needs a Gentile -

indeed, a Christian theologian - to answer this perennial question. It puts a Jew unjustly on the defensive and makes his attempt to prove his innocence sound like special pleading. The question 'Why did you Jews kill

Jesus?, addressed to a Jew (practising or non-practising) in 1988, implies a unity and continuity between the inhahitants of Judaea and Galilee in the first century AD and their descendants of the present day which they might not care to denv but which is totally misleading

If the anti-Semitic questioner was a Weishman, the Jew could justly turn on him and ask: "Why did you Britons run around naked, painted with woad, when we had been civilized for a thousand years?", hut he would encounter no indignation whatsoever.

"Nothing to do with me, boyo", the Welshman might reply. "Woad isn't an issue. Blue, wasn't it? Well, our rugger shirts are red, look you. Whatever you're on about, we must've repented long hefore my time."

The reason why the Welshman is not defensive about tribal fashions long ago is simple: it is not a moral issue. He is not being accused of the greatest imaginable evil ever committed.

The moral indignation felt by the one who asks: "Why did you Jews kill Jesus?" hlinds him to the validity of the alibi: "I was not personally present at the Crucifixion, though doubtless some persons from whom t am physically descended were."

He has an obsessive need for someone to hlame, to punish: in fact, something that was conceived as a part of Hehrew religion, a scapegoat. A psychotogist easily recognizes that this demand is a confused recognition of the Jew-hater's own guilt of the death of Jesus, for no one could possibly believe that a goat had sinned

Like any other animal, a goat can do

Mr P.W.A. Westerman

The engagement is announced between Piers, eldest son of the late Mr W.A. Westerman and Lady Prickett. of Fittleworth,

West Sussex, and Lactitia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs M,A. Pugh, of Guadamello, Umbria, Italy.

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mrs Evelyn Baker and the late Mr Sam Baker, of St Dogmaels, Dyfed, and Susan, second daughter of Major-General and Mrs Jonathan Dent, of Bays-

The engagement is announced

between Bernard, elder son of Mr Alan Baldwin and the late

Mrs Pamela Baldwin, of 11a Haig Avenue, Poole, Dorset,

and Jeanette, younger daughter

of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs

A.T.C. Brown, of Mallows, Nether Wallop, Hampshire.

the engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel Deryck Binks, (retd), OBE, and Mrs Binks, of Henham, Essex, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roper Braham, of Much

Mrs Roger Braham, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of the late

Mr H.J. Borchardt and of Mrs

R. Borchardt, of Dublin, and

Brenda, daughter of the late Mr M.M. Abrams and of Mrs J.

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mrs I. Cramer, of York, and Catherine.

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.

Newland, of Theobalds Manor.

Old Park Ride, Waltham Cross,

The engagement is announced

between Kenneth, eldest son of Mr L.C. Ebbage, of Stambourne,

Essex, and Mrs H.N. Shreeves

of Bedford, and Melanie, eldest

daughter of the late Mr M.W. Hooper and Mrs S. Hooper, of

BIRTHS: William Harvey, phy-

sician, discoverer of the circula-

tion of the blood, Folkestone,

and Miss L.C. Pugh

Mr J.J.G. Baker

and Miss S.J. Deat

Mr B.A. Baldwin and Miss J.G. Brown

Mr N.A. Binks

MISS D.A. BIS

Mr J.H. Borchardt

Abrams, of Londoo.

and Miss C. Newland

Mr K.A. Ebbage and Miss M.S. Hooper

Richmond, Yorkshire.

Mr N. Cramer

Herrfordshire.

and Miss B.B. Abrams

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr D.M. Gillman

Mr K.I. Hodgson and Miss M.S. Cantrell

Mr P.D.A. Johnson and Miss A.F. Griffiths

and Dr J.N. Montgomery

Stanccastle, Irvine, Ayrshire.

The engagement is announced between Ben, soo of Lieutenant-

Colonel and Mrs D.O. Vaughan,

of Redgale, Uppingham, and Joanna, daughter of Mrs J.T. Tehhutt and the late Mr F.A.L.

Tehbutt, of Oadby, Leicester.

The engagement is announced between Alan Leslie, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. Wearmouth, of Perth, Western Australia, and Elizabeth Mar-

garet, only daughter of Mrs J. Bond, of Grange over Sands,

The marriage took place on Thursday, March 24, in London, between Mr Christopher John Athersych, only son of Mr L.G. Athersych and of

Mrs M.K. Athersych, and Miss

Jane Elizabeth Hutchins, younger daughter of the late Mr J.R. Hutchins and of Mrs L.J. Hutchins.

Lon Chaney, actor, Colorado 1883; Dame Cicely

Courtneidge, actress, Sydney, Australia 1893.

DEATHS: Robert III, King o Scotland 1390-1406, Rothesay

1406; John Langhorne, poet and translator of Plutarch, Blaydon.

Somerset, 1779; Max Ernst

Surrealist painter and sculptor,

The Royal Air Force was

Paris. 1976.

Mr B. Vanghan and Miss J.E. Tebbutt

Mr A.L. Wearmouth and Dr E.M. Wharton

Marriage

Anniversaries

Mr C.J. Athersych

and Miss J.E. Hatchins

neither right nor wrong, or, since it does what God made it to do, it can do only right. The human beings who hoped they had transferred their sins to the innocent goat were guilty, and so is the Jew-hater who tries to transfer his guilt to the Jewish scapegoat.

Chad Varah

No one who believes in condemning the physical descendents of the perpetrators of evil can claim to be innocent of Jesus's death, unless he's black, brown or yellow.

Who handed Jesus over to death after recognizing his innocence? A Roman imperial administrator. Who flogged him to within an inch of his life? Roman professional soldiers. Who drove the nails through the condemned Man's wrists and feet (and were forgiven by the Victim in the same moment)? Roman soldiers specializing in executions.

By the sort of mad argument that convinces the Jew-hater that the Jews they meet killed Jesus, it could be concluded that the ancestors of the inhabitants of Rome killed Jesus and the Italian government is therefore to blame. Or why let madness fall short of its reductio ad absurdum?

Why not deduce that Jesus was killed by Roman Catholics? The fact that no one present at the Crucifixion could have borne that designation need not deter those deranged by religious

So how may the Jew answer the question 'Why did you Jews kill Jesus?' in all seriousness? He may say: You do me the honour of putting me in Judaea and Galilee of 2,000 years ago with my people, of whom Jesus was one.

Rejecting and condemning Jesus, so that the Gentiles could kill him, wasn't all we did in relation to him. One of us was his mother, one his foster-father who taught him an honest trade, several were his brothers and sisters with whom he played as a child, one was his cousin who prepared the way for his mission.

One of us taught him to read, to read the Old Testament (what else was there?), from which he learnt about the Messiah and wondered (like all Jewish boys then and now) whether it might be

Some of us were his disciples, leaving everything to follow him, and some were women friends who gave him hospitality. Among us was a hlind man he made to see, a deaf and dumh man he made to speak, an epileptic boy he healed, a girl given up for dead to whom he said something should be given ber

Many of us were simple peasants who listened with joy as he spoke of God in terms they could understand. Most of the Jews in Jerusalem for the Passover did not know who he was until they asked the locals why they were shorting Hosanna. Not all of us were friends or indifferent: some beckled him in the synagogue, some tried to get him thrown over a cliff, all but two of the council voted for his condemnation, seeing him as a threat to their sinecures.

And some of us were riff-raff who when the pilgrims were still abed at dawn on the day he died accepted hribes to shout for the guerrilla Bar Ahbas to be set free rather than Jesus. Jews, all of us: which of these characters would you have been, Christian?

We Christians have an answer which the unconverted Jew has not the right to give: (from Heermann's chorale "Herz liebster Jesu", in Bach's St Matthew

Who was the guilty?

Who brought this upon thee? Alas my treason Jesus hath undone

Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied

I crucified Thee.

The writer is Rector of St Stephen Walbrook, City of London.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Detail from Portrait of a subject in an Young Man by Andrea Solario: At one time attriboted to the great Venetian artist Giovanni Bellini, this tiny painting on poplar panel has, in art market terms, been demoted to the lesserknown artist, Andrea Solario (Sarah Jane Checkland

But that does not mean that its image is not strong. Here Solario demonstrates his capacity both to penetrate, and then project, the character of his sitter, until this one, who remains anonymous, comes across as both monnmental and restrained, with a piercing gaze.

The composition - setting the June 12.

environment, and behind a parapet - derives from the northern painter, Autonello da Messina, who is famous for bringing oil painting to Italy in the 15th century.

Andrea Solario's brother was the sculptor, Cristoforo Solario, nicknamed "The Hunchback". They visited Venice together in 1495, when he learned much from that great city's art. Sub-sequently, Andrea went to France where his work progressed to maturity. He returned to Italy as an old man. Old Master Paintings from Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection is at the Royal Academy, London, until

MCINEERING Ito date October 1): J Acherman; R Mortey: K J Mortish I F Richardson: P W A Wearmouth I H Williams: P W G Drummy: G M lorsworthy: J C Reidy: M Booth: G M lexander: E R Smith-Jaynes: R G Dooke: D D V Hubbard: A C Collins: G 4 Fairctouch: R W James: A J Doakin: R Ferry: D M Jones: B J Perkins.

Deahin: R Ferry; D M Jones: B J Perkins.
INSTRUCTOR: R J Ramdall: P A Ellis: R E Hawkim: M J Sauze: A C Darney; A T Liddle: J S Taylor: J Thompson: K P Grinskey: G J Crowhursi: D Shields: P Litesey: A C Dinham: C M Draper: A W Houghton.
SUPPLY AND SECRETAL III date Ortober I): A J Coates. J R J Andierson: Edwards: N Howden: MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH III dale October II: M Chandler: B Bunn.

The following officers have been selected for promotion with effect from April 1

TD FIRST OFFICER: B I Skill: C J

The following promotions to

Supplementary List (Royal Navy) have been approved to

date October 1:
SEAMAN F Woods: J D Arkell: G O
Bristow: G R O Jackson: R M Evans:
P M G Schwarz. O F Knight: M A S
Clark: M E While: R M Mowbray: J P
Millward: G V Tozer: D J Balchin: D R
M C Subsert: T S

Women's Royal Naval Service

Royal Navy promotions

The following provisional selections for promotion have been

Special Duties List
Royal Navy
TO COMMANDER Ito date Octobert.
SEAMAN: R Robertson: A A Commer.
ENGINEERING. P W Hammond: J J
SJEDET H T B Kewish.
SJEPLY AND SECRETARIAT: N J
STORE.

Rayal Marines
TO MAJDR SD (Io date February 17, 1999: J V Lewis, 10 CAPTAIN SD (to date October 11: A M Hart: R N G Gaze: B J Curils: J H TO CAPTAIN SD (B) (to date October): D G Cole. IF D C Cole.

Supplementary List
To COMMANUER its date October 1):
SEAMAN, G O Lean: P M Fluiler: J T
Lockwood: S Radley.
ENGINEERING: G C Herbert.
INSTRUCTOR: O A Lord: F W
Bumford.

Women's Royal Naval Service TO CHIEF OFFICER (To date October 1): J M Hincks. The following promotions to Lieutenant Commander on the Special Duties List tRoyal

Navy) have been approved to dae as shown: SEAMAN IIo dale April 1; O Elis.
SEAMAN IIo dale October 1; A J
Cooper: O Dixon; E N Fawcett; J O
Lawler: T J Pearce, R O Bioomield; J
O Baker: R N Corrield; I G Black; O J
Cringle: P J Bale: G O Bale: G O
Palmer: J A Connell.

Venve Clicquot Champagne

Reception

afterwards.

Latest wills

date October 1:

Mr Douglas Harold Whiting, of A reception was held yesterday at the institute of Directors in Pail Mail for the winner of the Veuve Clicquot Award "Business Woman of the Year". Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, resented the award to Miss Sophie Mirman, Chairman of Sock Shop International. M Joseph Henriot Chairman of Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin, was the host at a luncheon held

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church
The Rev Trevor Andrew Hart has been ordained Deacon to the non-superdiary ministry to serve St Devenick's Bieldside (Aberdeen and Orkney).

Budleigh Salterton, Devon, Director of Voluntary Service Overseas 1962-73, previously headmaster of Cheadle Hulme Grammar School and Circu cester Grammar School, left estate valued at £97,476 net. Dr Peter Donald George Venus Whittingham, of Aldershot, Hampshire, an authority on space medicine, flight surgeon on the joint US/USSR Apollo-Soyuz manned space flight project in 1975 and a consultant to the European Space Agency 1976-78, left estate valued at

£434.634 net. Mr George Michael Wright, of Great Bentley, Essex, left estate valued at £778,461 net.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM McMAHON

A long road to the top in Australia

Sir William McMahon, CH, a former Liberal Prime Minister of Australia, died yesterday in

Sydney, at the age of 80. The root of his coalition government's downfall in December, 1972, lay largely in its support of Australian involvement in Vietnam - a policy which was swiftly reversed when Gough Whitlam's Labour Party was swept into power. McMahon's tenure as premier had lasted a

He was widely regarded as having been an ineffectual leader, and his term as Prime Minister was a disappointment to both his friends and to himself.

mere twenty months.

His strength had been to heed advisers and to learn his brief. But this same strength as one of a team became a positive weakness as Prime Minister. He simply gave the illusion of being decisive so long as he had only one point of view to advocate. immediately he assumed the leadership role of arbiter and initiator, he was tost.

The resultant inertia of his Government lost it friends everywhere, and the piece-meal gimmickry, and lack of any real sense of purpose beyond day-to-day survival. made the hour of electoral reckoning inevitable.

William McMahon was born in Sydney on February 23, 1908. His family was wealthy and old Australian, but his parents died when he was a child. He was brought up by relatives, mainly in the which Robert Menzies later recreated into the Liberal Party. His childhood was

Sir Ranulph Bacon, Deputy

He graduated in law at Sydney University and he was described as "a cheerful, rowdy extrovert." He raced a couple of horses for a while and skied and boxed. He played golf regularly. Just before the Second World War he joined a firm of Sydney solicitors.

At the outbreak of war, he enlisted in the Militia. Later, he transferred to the Australian Imperial Forces, serving in the Machine Gunners and on Staff jobs, rising to the rank of major.

He entered Parliament by winning the old Labour seat of Lowe, New South Wales, in 1949. It was a marginal seat years, until his retirement in 1982. but he held it for thirty-three He was able enough to get

picked for the Government by Robert Menzies and began a steady climb up the political ladder. He held a number of home of Sir Samuel Walder, ladder. He held a number of Lord Mayor of Sydney, and a increasingly important port-vice-president of the old United Australian Party, and Air, Primary Industry, Labour and National Service, Foreign Affairs, and Treasurer. In all of these lonely - and loneliness was to departments he achieved a remain his lot during a lengthy political life. reputation as a tremendous worker, and as Treasurer he

presided over a period of economic well-being. He became Prime Minister in spite of severe handicaps the active dislike of Menzies; the publicly-expressed opposition of Sir John McEwan, the powerful leader of the Country Party: defective hearing (due to an old boxing injury); and so many setbacks at the hands of his own party

bridesmaid". He made much of his close relationship with Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon.

that they began to refer to him

in the lobbies as "the eternal

McMahon was a friendly. approachable man, who spoke with a quavering, sing-song voice. He walked the corridors of Parliament House giving his familiar greeting, "G'day". He was certainly an odd mixture - the large, rather comic ears (a cartoonist's delight, and one of which was amputated in 1985); the fanaticism for physical fitness; the rather gossipy optimism; and his almost embarrassing puhic display of devotion to his wife, Sonia, and his three

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He was immensely proud of his elegant wife. She was a wealthy Sydney socialite whom he married in 1965 when she was 36 and he was 57. The wedding was the social event of the year. and for weeks no women's magazine was complete without a cover picture or story of Sonia McMahon.

Billy McMahon possessed more than the average poli-tician's share of the social graces. He was deft on the dance floor, adroit in small talk, and a polished "mixer". Sheer hard work put him on top but it could not keep him there. He lacked resolution.

His wife and children survive him.

SIR RANULPH BACON

on point duty in Brompton

Commissioner at New Scot-land Yard in the 1960s, died He was selected to go on the on March 30, at the age of 81. first of the new courses at the He was one of the first of the Metropolitan Police College, where, in 1935, be won the "Trenchard brats" - public schoolboys picked by Lord college's first baton of honour. Trenchard to create a new For a time he was inspector in charge of Paddington Green officer class in the police when police station — "a lovely station," he once recalled, "You got the lot there; the best he was Metropolitan Commissioner between the wars. But in fact Bacon joined the type of residents, plus pros-titutes, bookies and some really tough types." Metropolitan Police in 1928,

before there was any guarantee of special treatment. Educated When war broke out he joined the Provost Service, at Tonbridge and at Queens' College, Cambridge, he chose where he had some colourful his career, so he explained later, simply because: "! exploits in the Middle East wanted an open-air life. I was in the area where military hig and strong." Some of policing combines with his college contemporaries military intelligence. Then he was seconded to

thought it very odd. One of his first jobs at the the Colonial Police, and for a Yard, for which he was period at the end of the war personally selected by Tren- was Inspector-General of the chard, was in the new Map Ceylon Police - the last white Room, where the plotting of man in charge of that 6,000different kinds of crime in- strong force.

detective work.

He returned to England as dicated patterns that led to a

more scientific approach to Chief Constable of Devon, from where to moved to Bacon claimed that he London as an Assistant courted his wife when he was Commissioner in 1961. In

mentor.

1963 he became the Assistant Commissioner in charge of criminal investigation.

One of his innovations was a regional crime squad to cross the boundaries of London, Kent and Surrey to to check the rise in housebreaking. He attracted much public

attention by inviting the public to "have a go" at criminals. He tried to make a point of writing to congratulate the people he called the "have-a-goes." Initially there were three of four letters a week. Within months of his appeal. he was signing as many in a day. He claimed that he was not encouraging foothardiness: the complete slogan was "If you have a chance, have a

Bacon, a big man in every sense, was affectionately

known as "Rasher". On retiring in 1966 he hecame a director of Securicor, Ltd., and was later a consultant to International Intelligence Inc.

Both his wife and their daughter died before him.

MR ALEXANDER LIEVEN

and 1930s, as a political

A gifted linguist, Lieven

Russian programme or-

ganizer, in 1960. He was,

successively, assistant head

and then head of the BBC East

European Service before

becoming controller of the

European services and deputy to the Managing Director,

He was always strongly

opposed to the use of the

BBC's foreign language ser-

External Broadcasting.

Mr Alexander Lieven, who even radical traditions. He and believed that it was a died yesterday, at the age of was taught Russian by a 68, was, for nearly twenty former close companion of years, a leading influence in Lenin; and, in his teens, had the BBC's broadcasting to Victor Serge, a notable Comeastern Europe and particu-larly to the Soviet Union.

He was born at Rostock, Germany, in 1919 - the year after his parents left Russia into a Latvian family which had achieved wealth and princely rank in Tsarist Russia. He was distantly related to the Princess Lieven, who was a leading figure in London political society in the 1820s and 1830s.

Although technically a Latvian citizen, he was to all intents and purposes brought up a Russian émigré, in Germany, Belgium, France, Britain and Ireland. He was educated at Brussels and at Trinity College, Dublin.

But his part of the family vices to Eastern Europe for

was no stranger to liberal and crude propaganda purposes, Kenneth Melville, who will be remembered for his performances with the Sadler's Wells Ballet and London Festival

Ballet during the 1950s, died in San Francisco on March 30. He Born in Birkenhead, he studied at the Sadler's Wells Ballet School and joined Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1945, the year before it moved to Covent Garden. By the end of the decade there were

four equally promising young men among whom Ninette de Valois scrupulously shared out the available roles, thus ensuring furious competition as well as fairness. Melville's best successes were in Massine's Mam'zelle Angot;

a comic role in John Cranko's Bonne Bouche, and, most notably, partnering Violetta Elvin in Giselle and Balanchine's Ballet Imperial.

1955 found more scope moving to London Festival Ballet, where his new parts included Gennaro in Napoli and

But he found younger talent pushing hard on his heels, and in

Menhistopheles in Frederick Ashton's Vision of Marguerite.

dangerous fallacy to imagine that to gain the plaudits of dissidents like Solzhenitsyn was a mark of success.

munist dissident of the 1920s For him it was more important to attract the confidence of a wider and more representative cross-section of worked in the interception the Soviet public through and analysis of foreign signals strict adherence to the intelligence during and after the war, before joining the BBC European Service as truth and a deliberately dispassionate approach to political comment, even though he was without illusion about the true nature of Soviet society

A man of wide, cosmopolitan interests and sympathies and great generosity of spirit, Lieven was himself a frequent broadcaster in Russian, even after his retirement in 1979.

He is survived by his wife and by five children of his first marriage.

Dr James Kemp, director of the Pine Mountain Observatory, Oregon, and discoveror of the first magnetic white dwarf star." died on March 29. He was 61.

His research had helped to validate the theory of stellar structure established by the astro-physicist Subrah manyan Chandrasekhar, who won the Nobel prize in physics in 1983.

Mr L L. Kenen, founder of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, who has died aged 83, helped to raise American aid to Israel above the hillion-dollar mark.

Appointment of Queen's Counsel ers, Anthony Christopher Law-

approve the names of the Pascoe, John Michael Shorrock, the rank of Oneson's Country to the rank of Queen's Counsel: Henry Knorpel, James Stuart-Smith, Constant Hendrik de Waal, James Nursaw, Michael John Ware, Arthur Desmond Watts, John Mitchell Cherry, Andrew Cartwright Pugh, Henry Green, Arthur John Jeremy Gompertz, Ian Alexander Macdonald, Leonard Gaston Woodley, Christopher Duncan Cochrane, David Herbert Penry-Davey.

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creditors.
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Violin fetches world record of £473,000 at music sale

The "Marie Hall" violin, made by Antonio Stradivari, being played by Miss Alexa Wilson (below), when it was sold for a world record auction price of £473,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.

The sale demonstrated yet again the absurdity of attempting to reduce sales of works of art to graphs and bare statistics, a task worthy of Swift's mad scientists of Laputa.

That violin, made in 1709, which has a particularly handsome back, went to an American private bidder, but a second failed to captivate the andience and was bought in at £94.000.

The first violin was bought in 1905 by Miss Hall, for whom Vanghan Williams composed his The Lark Ascending, and when her daughter sold it in 1968 the price of £22,000 was also a record for a musical instrument.

The instrument that was bought in, known as the "Ludwig" after its most celebrated owner, was built in 1724 and has a comparatively dull back, influenced, the catalogue says, by Stradivari's sons.

The most expensive instrument from other sections of the orchestra was a cello by Joseph

Panormo of London, which reached £20,900, comfortably within its estimate.

The morning session of the sale, which included all the main pieces, produced £1.029,116 with rather less than 20 per cent bought in.

Sotheby's were offering a sale devoted to golfing and other sporting equipment and works of art in their country house premises at Billingshurst in Sussex.

The total bag was £56,358 with nothing at all bought in. The most expensive trophy was a silver statuette of a golfer taking a swing, ball marked 1892 by Hamilton & Inches of Edinburgh, which went to a Sussex dealer at £6,600 (estimate £1,500 - £2,000).

Golfing cartoons by Heath Robinson had been strangely underestimated by the auctioneers, at between £200 and £500 each. Two of them sold for more than £2,000 each.

At Phillips a number of items of pineteenthcentury Chinese costume recently used in the film The Last Emperor sold well above their estimates. A black damask silk coat and a brown silk robe reached £660. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).



Architecture

Supporting a royal rebellion

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

"A little rebellion, now and American President and amateur architect once said, "is a good thing".

Even a mooth after the ing Cities Conference in Pitts- communes. burgh, Americans are still to say.

Having dismissed the past 40 years of architecture and urban planning on both sides of the Atlantic as "pretty disastrous", the Prince went on to advocate an "acceptable, liveable, human environment for everyone".

He brushed aside advice to. the contrary and suggested America might learn from the British experieoce of community architecture, the process local which neighbourhoods actively participate in the creation of

their own environment. Such sentiments in America are normally associated with radicals and leftists. A quarter of a century after the civil rights movement, and after eight years of Reaganomics, local activism and public participation have either been institutionalized - coopted by city administrators — or marginalized through federal budget cutbacks.

theo", Thomas Jefferson, the haps the ocarest equivalent to architecture is burgeoning in our own community architec- Britain while it is considered ture, flourished in the late to be almost passe in America. 1960s and 1970s but is oow looked back on with the sort of Prioce of Wales delivered the nostalgia usually reserved for closing address to the Remak- flower - power and hippy

So was the Prince's speech trying to come terms with the in vain? Or will it strike a ning Association, Chartered rebelliousness of what he had chord with a new generation Surveyors Voluntary Service to say. not witnessed such a rallying cry since the heady days of John F. Kennedy's presidency?

Senator John Heinz, who shared his platform at Pittshurgh, had no hesitation in hailing the Prince as a "world leader" on architecture and urban issues.

Americans are without homes, a further seven million at risk of joining them on the streets. With the cost of housing the homeless unoffically esti-mated to be \$20 billion (£11 hillion) a year for the next 15 years, groups are organizing an identity and momentum demonstrations in 16 cities, which the Americans will need today to draw attentioo to their cause.

While it would be churlish to suggest that by his comments the Prince was seeking to influence American voters in any way, nevertheless he drew attention (if unwittingly) fallen flat.

Advocacy planning, per- to the reason why community Through the Royal Institute

of British Architects, under its president, Mr Rod Hackney, the Associatioo of Community Technical Aid Centres, the Town and Country Planand amenity societies, the nascent community architecture movement here has an organizational structure

which the Americans lack. Award schemes, such as The Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Scheme, have raised the profile and public awareness of grassroots projects and are belping to Unofficial estimates suggest projects and are helping to that as many as three million ensure that initiatives are

brought to the attention of other community groups. But above all, the Prince has provided the leadership required by such disparate individuals, groups and organizations to give the movement

to emulate. For without these, community architecture has little chance of taking root in America; and the little rebellion" proffered in the Prince's Pittsburg speech will have

Dramatic change in Britain's farming landscape predicted

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Some 2,500,000 acres, or nearly 4,000 square miles, of farmland in Britain are likely to become redundant in the next few years. As a result, the landscape of the twenty-first century is likely to be mark-edly different from that which tion. we know today.

That prediction, made yesterday by Mr George Jackson, agricultural director of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, underlines a unique new partnership between landowners and landscape architects which will be launched at an exhibition at the National Agricultural Centre, at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, in June.

The concern among the organizers is that schemes to compensate farmers for taking land out of production will merely result in the land being left sterile, and that the opportunity to re-create a green and pleasant countryside, which will enhance the legacy of past generations, may be lost.

At the same time, an increasingly prosperous and leisured urban population will be seeking greater access to open space for recreational pursuits. Farmers and landowners will be under pressure to diversify their activities, and rural communities will need a new economic base to

sustain them.

changing policies towards birds under a European Coun-agriculture and food produc-, cil directive.

There was certain to be a reduction in the allocation of resources for agriculture, and future generations would see the emergence of a new breed of farmer, a sort of countryside manager, who would oo looger see his dominant role

as that of food production. "This presents great opportunities for those who own land and who are in a positioo to influence the future landscape of Britaio", he

The exhibition is being organized jointly by the RASE and the British Association of Landscape Industries, and will involve local authorities, sporting bodies, building contractors, machinery manufacturers, horticultural suppliers, universities and colleges, the Forestry Commission and the Government's Agricultural Development and Advisory

Service. Mr John Gummer, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, said yesterday that be was delighted to hear

Mr Jackson said that land- Two substantial areas of owners, not just in Britain hut. British coastline - the Wash in the rest of Europe and the and Pagham Harbour, West Sussex - have been designated United States, were being Sussex have been designated forced to face the issue of as special protection areas for

Lord Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, said the Wash was probably the single most important site for overwintering waterfowl in Britain. It was used by an estimated 220,000 birds of many interesting and important species.

The offshore sandbanks also support the largest breeding colony of common seals in Europe, although the Nature Conservancy Council pointed out yesterday that an increas-ing number are showing symptoms of disease associated with pollution similar to that experienced in the Wadden Sea, close to the

Rhine estuary. Pagham Harbour, an area of salt marsh and tidal flats covering some 615 hectares (1,600 acres) near Selsey Bill, is an important habitat for migratory Brent geese and ruff, and for breeding populations of tern, oystercatcher, shelduck and redshank.

Both areas are designated as sites of special scientific interest, and are recognized as of about the new venture, the under the so-called Ramsar first of its kind.

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MacALISTER - On March 29th. in Houston, Texas, to Mary (nee Tavener) and Rodney, a son. Martin

PARTER - On Thursday March 31st 1988, at QE2 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Kamene (nee All) and Richard. a daughter. Reseance Ottvta. REDITTER - On March 29th, in Municito Joenna (née Doubleday) and Georg, a son.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

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DEATHS BARBY - On March 24th 1988. Donis Margnerite (sée Fletcher), of Wellington Court, Knightshridge SWI, after a long illness bourne with the greatest courage and SWI, after a long times bourne with the greatest courage and cheerfulness at Trivity Hospica. Beloved mother of Roger and lan and Stater in-Law of Ethel Barby. Cremation will be private. A Memorial Service will be held at Holy Trivity. Brompton on a date to be amounted.

PERCHS - On March 29th, 1968
Peacefully at his home in Driffleid
Goncestershire. Cyril in els 80th
year, dear husband of Anne and
father of Juliet, Christopher and
Camilla. Private cremation.

COOK - On March 30th, peacefully at Sevenosis Heritage Nursing Home. Dorothy, formerly of Frinton. Cremetion private, No flowers

FARREE - On March 30th 1988, Tragically, Sylvia Rosemary of Mysmie Canterbury, Dearly loved Wife of Major Anthony Farrer, Mother of Rosemary, Sarah, Julia and Lucy, Fimeral Private a Memorial service will be held at a later date. Enquires to C.W.Lyons Funeral Directors, Yelsphone 0227

GEAR - On March 31st, in hospital

GRAHAM - On Murch 30th, at home BRAHAMI - On March 30th, at nome, gently in his slees, Walter Lethicidge, M.B.E. (Bob). Much loved husband of Joceline and father of Robin. Service at Hythe Parish Church, on Friday April 8th, at 11.30 am. Flowers, if desired to Hemstook & Johns, 1 Dyrachurch Rossi. Hythe. Kent.

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The hills are alive with it

The most disturbing question raised by the Waldheim affair is "who cares?". Who cares if the Austrian president was a war criminal? Not, apparently, the majority of the Austrian people.

That there is such an apparent lack of concern about the question does not merely indicate political lethargy or naivety. As This Week (ITV) suggested, it indicates that Austrian anti-semitism is far from residual: as Denis Tuohy spelled it anti-semitism here is not dead out, anti-semitism here is not dead

In evidence we had one manic right-wing magazine editor who cheerfully asserted that the holocaust never happened: a somewhat extreme case. But more disturbing to those Jews now remaining in Austria was the clear message of n recent poll that a third of Austrians believed "negative clichés" about the Jews and that seven percent — a million people -manifested clear dislike of them.

Tuohy's thesis was that the Waldheim affair has brought these feelings out of the closet; the flood gates have opened, said one witness, and the feelings of 1938 are now easier to articulate. But it would surely be more likely if the Waldheim affair led to even greater repression of anti-semitic feelings, for these are linked above all to guilt at a complicity which, 50 years ago, may well have seemed both natural and in-

Tuohy visited schools in Vienna and talked to young people for whom the inherited stigma of antisemitism is less acute. There was still agreement that "people say bad things about them", though that was provided with the surprising rider that "after all, they can't help being Jews."

"When you say Jew, everyone still thinks 'outsider'," added another teenager, That view can only be countered by a long process of education, and we saw some efforts at introducing the notion of the holocaust in the classroom, as well as instruction in Jewish traditions and beliefs.

All this, though, is a long uphill struggle, and meanwhile, Jewish schools in Vienna are heavy with security against possible attack.

There were a few hopeful signs. The Bishop of Innsbruck has stopped the veneration of a mythi-cal 15th-century Christian child supposedly martyred by Jews. The managing director of the Austrian National Bank has set np a group of non-Jewish business men to counter anti-semitism.

But there are far wider questions of European complicity in the holocaust — for instance of Polish anti-semitism which has recently been raised so powerfully - and this may not be a problem which Austria can solve on its own.

William Holmes

• The Chelsea Opera Group are to give a concert performance of Sir Lennox Berkeley's opera, Nelson, on Thursday April 7 at Queen Elizabeth Hall. The performance, in which Justin Lavender, Christine Bunning, Fiona Kimm, Susan Kessler, Gerald Finley and Brian Bannatyne-Scott are the soloists. will be conducted hy Grant Llewellyn and is in honour of the composer's 85th hirthday, which is on May 12.

When ladies take control

he new English National Opera Magic Flute be-gins with a surprise: the curtain lifts to reveal a bare stage with Tamino in the coils of an effective remotecontrolled python, and we seem about to embark on the kind of denuded new vision that the posters have been suggesting. However, the surprise is momentary, and when the ladies arrive, Nicholas Hytner's production at

once starts to look a lot more

traditional. This is how the evening continues. There are occasional "ideas", hut the main thrust of the production is towards an amiable, plain presentation of the work. Even the one substantial innovation, that of making Pamina a more considerable figure than Tamino, is almost inevitable under present social circumstances, and perhaps more than inevitable when one has Helen Field in this role.

The very bareness of Field's voice - the vibrato-less avoidance of warmth and radiance, the flare of naked passion — fits her perfectly for an interpretation of Pamina as febrile and dynamic, as a person whom suffering propels towards action rather than causing to languish in noble acquiescence. She is fully at the centre of every

scene in which she appears, so that it seems entirely appropriate, and not just a modish whim, that she should take the flute to lead Tamino through the trials of fire and water, and that finally she **OPERA**

The Magic Flute Coliseum

should receive, passed on immediately by Tamino from Sarastro, the insignia of the sun. The other scene where the

feminist point is made, when Pamina rushes into the temple to join Tamino, is less effective, simply because there is insufficient time to establish the discomfiture of the order and Sarastro's allowance of this break with the rules. But the handling of the chorus is altogether a weak point in this production. Perhaps because everything happens on a flat mirror floor,

groupings tend to look wooden and one-dimensional, especially at the end of the first act, when we are introduced to the human family in earthen puritan tones of brown, beige and white: a similar stiffness at the end of the second act stands in the way of a conception which feels as if it ought to be echoing the finale of the "Choral" Symphony.
Otherwise the story is straight-

forwardly told. The antagonism between the Queen of the Night and Sarastro is the antagonism between darkness and light. The Queen and her ladies are dressed

use), and she delivers her first aria against the smoke of Buddhist incense in what is a strong and odoriferous stage picture, even if the choice of religious superstition seems a mite unfair. Correspondingly, white, cream and gold are the colours of Sarastro and his entourage, the boys (a vocally strong trio) looking like bleached Christ's Hospitallers.

Bob Crowley's set perhaps predicts the victory of light by placing everything in a high white-walled semicircle, within which walls of hieroglyphs can be rolled into view (the Pharaonic motif is strengthened when Sarastro's followers come on carrying what looks like loot from the Egyptian galleries of the British Museum). There is little of nature here: only one marvellous glimpse of wood-land, and a tree for Papageno to

owever, the lack of the natural goes along with John Rawnsley's interpretation of Papageno as a sceptical northerner and pigeon fancier, given a lot of new jokes in Jeremy Sams's translation. Rawnsley seems more at ease when he sings, and can drop the accent, achieving a good-humouredness of more naive

Gwynne Howeil as Sarastro also sounds as yet unsettled, speaking sometimes too fast and not managing his lowest notes. On the



Powerful antagonist: The Queen of Night (Nan Christie), and considerable daughter Pamina (Helen Field)

totally convinced and sure performance as the Queen of the Night, scaling her high notes with

Thomas Randle, as Tamino, shows a voice of baritonal quality and of forward readiness, but one lacking in nuance and underlying strength; he will no doubt find more in the part when he settles into a house where he is appearing for the first time.

Monostatos in this production is deliberately not a moor; instead Alexander Oliver has to wear a frightful costume in the blackgreen velvet of houseflies, and he makes a suitably hideous impression. Lesley Garrett, of course,

is by contrast a delight as

Ivan Fischer, conducting, has moments of sonorous splendour but generally favours fast tempos, making it difficult for his players to articulate. He meets his match, though, in Rawnsley's panpipes.

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Tale of dispossession

Arriving in London at the same time as the Israeli clampdown on Palestinian Land Day reportage, this fable of dispossession is the work of El-Hakawati, the only Palestinian theatre company based in the occupied territories.

I missed their previous visit to the Almeida two years ago, but this new collective piece (scripted by Jackie Lubeck and François Abu Salem) confirms their claims to have assimilated pantomime, folklore, song, and political allegory into a group style. This is poverty theatre practised with a degree of technical sophistication to appeal to the world's art theatre audiences. Which, of course, is a total irrelevance from their point The manifest aim of The Story

of Kufur Shamma is to present their people's cause and purpose to a world that has only lately been coming to acknowledge Palestinian claims. In this case they unfold tale about the destruction of a

The story centres on Walid, younger brother of the village headman, who returns from Cairo University to find his home razed to a ghost-town by the events of 1948, leaving no trace of his fiancée or the rest of the scattered population. Walid and his clown companion Ka'wash embark on a pilgrimage through the desolate landscape, with the aim of tracing the lost tribe and bringing them home to Kufur Shamma.

The play is performed in a mixture of English and Arabic, with projected scene summaries. The general drift of the story is

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perfectly clear; it is also clear that this is more a morale-building event for the international Palestinian community than an argu-mentative piece pleading their cause to the world outside. Possihly there are external constraints prohibiting anything approaching agit-prop from a company based in East Jerusalem.

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What remains far from clear, to the outsider spectator, are the incidental details within the main narrative. Some of these are simply gaps in the story. Once on the road, for instance, Walid forgets about his girl-friend, who never appears again.

Will the headman sell some land for a radio station? Yes, he says, if he can go on the air himself. He is rather put out at being told that the station will be the property of HM Government. Is this a joke at the expense of his naivety, or an attack on the British mandate for refusing Palestinians their legitimate rights?

It may seem to be ducking the issue, but the theatrical life of Abu Salem's production appears less in its line of thought than in its passing episodes and images of refugee life.

It conjures up tented camps, quarries, refugee cafes, from a bare sand-strewn semi-circle, with oil drums and rocks as the only furnishings. Bombardments and farmyards alike are conjured up with swishing streamers and marionette-theatre props on fishing rods.

There are moments of marvellously unexpected comedy, as where the hulking Ka'wash (Amar Khalil) drugs a ferocious young fighter and carries him like a baby to the girl who fancies him. And, thanks to Nabil El-Hajjar's level performance as Walid and the narrator, the story-line never quite

British celebration

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Actually it contained perhaps more than its fair share of variations, for three of the four pieces in the programme resourcefully exploit pre-existing models, while the fourth, Tippett's Concerto for Orchestra, pays extravagant homage to the Baroque concerto grosso principle by rethinking it in the terms of today.

This work was given a stupen-dous performance, in which every player seized his or her chance to shine, and where, moreover, the strings in the central movement sounded as lush as any in London.

Novosibirsk PO/Katz/Oistrakh Festival Hall

An orchestra from the capital of Siberia made a distinctive imession on its first appearance in London on Wednesday night. The State Philharmonic Orchestra of Novosibirsk reached here as part of a nine-city tour which opened in Cardiff, from where the BBC Welsh Symphony is to make an exchange visit to Siberia in May. Will they, one wonders, take an

Irving Wardle all-Elgar programme there as the Soviet visitors confined themselves to Tchaikovsky here?

CONCERTS

LS/Knussen Queen Elizabeth Hall

Before it came Benjamin Britten's variations on Dowland's lute-song "If my complaints could passions move", composed in 1950 and deceptively called *Lachrymae*. It was given here in the version

for string orchestra that the composer made in the final months of his life. Roger Chase, the viola soloist, made the very most of the enhanced poignancy which is the result of the rescoring; while his colleagues, guided, as was all the concert, hy Oliver Knussen, offered the kind of support that only ear coneagues can give..

We heard music from a younger hut undoubtedly directly de-

The programme-book laid claim to a breedth of repertory that had to be taken on trust, though from what the conductor Arnold Katz has made of this ensemble since he formed it in 1956, its versatility is not difficult to imagine.

His main calling card was an account of Tchaikovsky's Pathetique Symphony that contrasted dance-like high spirits from the second subject of the opening movement to the skipping rhythm at the start of the march, with the due sense of pathos eloquently expressed with dignity as well as

Economical with his gestures, the conductor obtained fine grada-

cended generation in the first half. First there was Knussen's own Music for a Pupper-Court of 1983, of which two of the four movements are more or less straightforward, though brilliantly orchestrated, transcriptions of puzzle-canons by the 16th century English composer John Lloyd.

The other two are variations of Knussen's own, each of them characterized by his fastidious ear, fertile imagination and infallible sense of motion. One suspects from his music that, in 1970, Knussen the youth might have been deeply influenced by Robin Holloway's Scenes from Schu-

In these opulent rethinkings of six Schumann songs are, surely, to be found some of the earliest seeds of the romantic sensibility that characterizes so much young English music today.

Stephen Pettitt

limits Tchaikovsky demande Igor Oistrakh, playing Tchai-kovsky's Violin Concerto, was enough to bring a full audience. For every such supreme artist, however, there comes a point when the approach to so familiar a work

needs fresh thought.

That he had all the notes under his bow and his fingers and virtually in his blood was never in doubt from his pugnacious attack on the opening movement, or his sheer speed in the finale But for me the performance was almost like a reflex action to the chall-

Noël Goodwin

Pitching for purity with Pärt ONE FLEW ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

We live in an age of musical specialization, when the sym-phony orchestras are increasingly leaving Haydn and Mozart to "authentic" ensembles, when contemporary-music groups treat Schoenberg and Stravinsky as venerable classics fit for an occasional airing, and when musical medievalists cultivate their own gardens. But, happily, there are some who will look over the wall at

other plots, including the Hilliard Ensemble, who had for a decade hnilt up a reputation as a vocal consort singing medieval, Renais-sance and baroque music, before, three years ago, they discovered Arvo Part. The discovery was quite fortu-itous, as Paul Hillier, one of the

founders of the ensemble, explains. "My wife comes from an Estonian family, and so naturally we heard about it when this Estonian composer began to attract attention.

"Then I got hold of some scores and it seemed like the sort of thing we could do: sacred music, often for quite small forces. I also ordered the first record of his music that came out, Tabula rasa, and I was totally bowled over hy it. I've never been quite so impressed by any music at first hearing.

"And I think it's music that does have a very strong appeal to people. I know some say that it's just A minor going on and on, and it's very boring . . . "

But is it boring to sing? "No!" (this is the counter-tenor David James, the other founder-member still with the Hilliard). "It's actually very difficult.

"For instance, there's a piece called Summa, where I just have four pitches, singing the notes of the C minor triad all the time. And

The Hilliard Ensemble, who today broadcast the St John Passion by Arvo Part, talk to Paul Griffiths



Daring virtuosity: The Hilliard Ensemble seen during a performance

that was very hard at first, because the intervals are unusual. But then suddenly you find the vocal equipment has become acclimatized: it's like learning to ride a

"Also, Part's music is often very systematically composed, and that can cause problems. There's an example in the St John Passion, where I sing either a rising or a descending scale on each word, always starting on A, and singing one note to each syllable. Now because the word 'crucifigeretur' has six syllables, that takes me up to a high F, which can be tricky, though it's an extraordinary

It's the kind of effect Part seems to delight in: something which is thrown up randomly (as it seems)

by the working of a tight compositional plan, which produces a striking image without there being any subjective intervention. Soon after Hillier heard the Tabula rasa record, Part came to

this country, met the Hilliers and the Hilliards, and agreed to their performing his smaller pieces with organ accompaniment, instead of the instruments he had used in the original scores. In 1986 they sang some of his music, including the 70-minute St John Passion, at the Almeida Festival; they also gave a concert of Part and Perotin, pairing two composers who speak to each other with extraordinary closeness across the gap of eight

The only difference, of course, is

that Part is around to advise on performance, though he seems to have been happy to let the Hilliards find their own way through his glowing, iconic pieces.

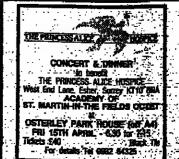
Apart from their wholly Part and Part Pérotin programmes, the Hilliards have sung Summa in mixed recitals. They have also deepened their acquaintance with the composer during the course of recording most of the pieces on his second record, Arbos (a recording of the St John Passion, also on ECM, is due later this year).

But for the moment, at least, this is the end, since Part has found himself once more at an impasse, and is not taking on new

The Hilliards, though, are continuing to encourage other composers to write for them: there are pieces coming from Gavin Bryars and Heinz Holliger. Surely the latter, I suggest, will want to use special vocal effects. Er, 755. (this is James) "that's what wor-

But a group who will dare to expose themselves to the searching purity of Part's music can have few real worries.

• The Arvo Part St John Passion is broadcast tonight on Channel 4



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FRIDAY PAGE

The history of religion is a perfectly valid subject, a branch of history — but is nothing to do with worship'

My school bymin was number 402 in the English liymnal and to this day, whenever I face a sticky situation I hear the rousing words of "He who would valiant be/ Follow the Master". At the time, this occasioned a brief discussion in my family, who thought about sending me to classes at our local synagogue to counter the Master, but never got around to it.

These days, however, religious education is a much more contentious subject. For many years, most parents and their children accepted, as mine did, the provisions of the 1944 Education Act. This required both religious edu-cation and collective worship in the schools to be attended by all pupils unless their parents requested otherwise.
These religious activities were intended to be Christian, as Lord Shelbourne, speating for the Government, made very clear at the time.

This began to change during the mid-Seventics, when religious education moved into such modish issues as sexdrug coursel and rain dances. The collective act of worship became a neutered Christianity in order to include the growing number of pupils of other faiths or, indeed, gave way to celebra-tions such as that of Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, in October. Classes in religious education could easily turn out to be the history of world religions, or a faringo of pop sociology and Marxist-Lemman. In some schools, religious

education simply ceased to exist. Not surprisingly, these developments were greeted with much unhappiness by some committed Christian parents. The Dewsbury parents, for example, who will appear in the High Court on May 9, list a desire to see their children attend a Christian act of worship as a key factor in their battle to change the schools their children attend. They feel such worship no longer exists in the predominantly Muslim school in which their children are enrolled.

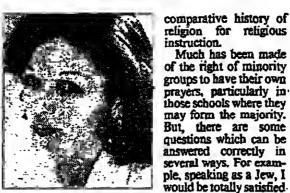
Two mothers in Manchester have attempted to withdraw their children from certain parts of the school assembly that are not Christian, but have been refused permission. "The distinction between religious education and the secular curriculum is not as clearcut as the 1944 Religious Act would suggest," wrote Manchester's Chief Education Officer to the mothers. "Neither LEA nor the school can give guarantees in the form you seek, that Christopher and Ryan will not be exposed to 'non-Christian religious (sic) and traditions'." Similar battles between local authorities and parents exist in other parts of the

Under pressure from Church leaders, the Government changed the new Education Reform Bill to include religious education and the collective act of worship as part of the core curriculum. But this did not solve the problem of vanishing Christianity. A movement to have Christianity elearly specified in the Education Reform Bill began. In the House of Lords, Baroness Cox opened the debate last month with an emotional statement of the issue: "As a nation," said the Bar-oness, "we are in danger of selling our spiritual birthright for a mess of secular pottage."

The debate touches on a number of issues that are of far more general concern than the religious aspect might imply. But first, one has to sort out some of the muddle. It seeems to me that several aspects are constantly

tion between religious instruction and the teaching of the history of religion. Religious instruction, of course, involves teaching pupils the tenets of a faith and it is with this that the 1944 Education Act, as well as the 1988 Act, are concerned. The history of religion is a perfectly valid subject that is a hranch of history and may well involve the study of many faiths - but it is nothing to do with worship. Part of the problem today is that many schools have substituted a

being confused. The first is the distinc-



BARBARA AMIEL

ple, speaking as a Jew, I would be totally satisfied. in any country where the overwhelming majority of its citizens defined themselves as Christian, Muslim, Buddhist or whatever and insofar as they had religious instruction, did so in that religion. All one would ask is that the society as a whole in no way

Much has been made

persecuted or disadvantaged those of us who wished to opt out of prayers. Another solution might be to regard religion as a private matter that is simply not part of the curriculum except in those schools that are run by religious denominations. My own preference would be for schools to have an hour or

two of religious instruction each week for every pupil in the choice of his or her specific faith. It might be a touch more expensive, of course, but if a society wants to instil values it seems to me at least as worthwhile an investment as

Any of these solutions seem to me consistent with our liberal democracy. What I do not find consistent with it. however, is this: to teach, under the heading of religious education, a system of social philosophy. It does not matter whether the subject matter is classic liberalism with which I agree or Marxism with which I most certainly do not these are simply not religious matters. Frankly, I think it is an insidious misuse of religious instruction to teach such material. I can't see that it is a defence to say that the Christian church today is concerned with social problems, ergo religious education classes can discuss racism" or unemployment. These matters may well be the focus of the contemporary Church's attention, but it is not their creed. Surely the metaphysical aspects of a faith have nothing to do

with social issues? Sitting on my desk are half a dozen curriculum guidelines. They illustrate perfectly what a hideous confusion takes place when you elevate a social philosophy to take the place of religious instruction. One of the GCSE syllabuses is nothing but an anti-American rant that focuses entirely on the evils of Nato and the exploitation of the Third World. The "Multifaith Manchester" is a blueprint for a sort of child-centred. religion in which selfishness seems to be elevated as the new faith. Other guidelines have produced a religious pabulum in which shamans, prophets and old men in white beards tell jolly stories and have feast days. Under the authority of God, the politburo co-exists in our religious education together with the Fabians' view of the world.

It is an entirely separate issue that the Church of England may have been captured by a progressive, more secular credo that many Christians don't like. That is not a matter for either myself or the Government — unless disestablishment is to be considered.

Meanwhile, Christians will have to decide whether or not to stay in their Church. But as Lord Arran speaks in the Lords for the Government and tells Baroness Cox that schools need "a collective act of worship" and collective religious education in order to serve a "multifaith society", I can only wonder at his theological confusion.

Unless I missed something very major these past few hundred years, we have such major religions as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Bud-dhism. We do not yet have a collective religion. Unless of course, the Govern-ment of Margaret Thatcher has decided to enshrine officially the collectivism of our decade as Britain's new state

Noddy woos the land of Liberty

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clivities, Blyton's racism

and sexism, and her banal

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passage in Here Comes Noddy

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mng Noddy, strip him naked and career off in his car, has

gone down in the annals of

infamy in children's literature.

who runs the garage and who is a very kind person indeed," says Mary Tepissier, publish-

ing director at Purnell. James

Ogilvy, managing director of Darrell Waters adds: "What's

interesting is that Ghana, India and Nigeria have golli-

wogs and we have drawn no comment from there." Even without the US, the

Blyton industry ticks over on a

healthy £1 million a year.

Book sales are awesome. Her

700 titles have notched up

sales of 500 million, and have been translated into 126 lan-

guages. But Noddy is gen-

erally agreed to be living in a

1950s timewarp that may

eventually lose its charm. Now

his supporters are getting on with the job of harling Noddy into the 1980s.

Angela Brooks

"What people often forget is

No Big Ears in the Big Apple

Toddy, England's oldest toy boy and hero of Enid Blyton's 24

books, is still picking up the

The sad story of his ex-ploits, pounding the streets of Manhattan trying to crack the one enclave that remains indif-

ferent to his naughty little charms, is documented in The

Selling of Noddy on ITV this

"What became patently clear in the first couple of days

of negotiations was that Noddy didn't have a chance in hell without his own film or

weekly television cartoon,

Bob Mullan says. He is the

producer who charts exporter

Derek Parker's assault on the

Parker won a year's contract

for the merchandizing and book rights from Purnell, the

British publishers. His three-

pronged strategy included Noddy nappies, T-shirts and dolls, the books, an animated film, and a 7ft Noddy effigy to

pitted against Transformers

and other macho American television characters with a

regular weekly slot, the chances for Noddy (who has sold 70 million books else-

where in the world) looked

Not easily discouraged, Parker and his American part-

ner started a cartoon, but before long the coffers were depleted. Darrell Waters Lim-ited, who administer Blyton's estate on behalf of her heirs

Gillian Baverstock and

Imogen Smallwood, have now appointed a new exporter and

Goblins and bears have replaced golliwogs, but whether that will keep the critics at bay remains to be

seen. The books have been consistently criticized for their

middle-class values, Noddy

are trying again.

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Could you clean your home in a day - or would you rather pay two people £200 to do it?

Clean team

Professional cleaning businesses are being advertised as the answer to a working woman's prayer: a no-strings-attached arrangement to clean your home whenever - and wherever - you desire, that finally takes the guilt out of "getting someone in". But how easy is it to find an efficient service, what do they cost and can they really replace the consistent care of the "woman who does"? Five Times contributors invited local clean teams into their homes.

THE TASK: Spring clean be kitchen of 16th-century uffolk farmhouse. The team: Three women, from Dusters of Colchester. The time: 34 hours (company rule not to eat, drink or smoke in clients' houses). The cost: £56.06 (quoted rate of £15 per from plus VAT), cheques

We thought the kitchen would be a good challenge. It is 15 foor some and has two doors directly to the outside world and a minddy chaos of strawbales and dead leaves; a procession of small children, cats, adults, and occasional dicks march through it all day long it has a low-beamed criting a picturesquely filthy chiner of shelves and a solidfuel sange. We have a good general cleaner but after 400 years we felt that the kitchen deserved special remedial

Dosters certainly inspired confidence. The firm is one year old, very slick, and about to expand throughout East Audie in the wake of the legant van drew up, we more, brushes, and mysterious inguents, and a natty little various cleaner; all they ask is said from a tap.

The three women swarmed out, tools in hand, and moved in file the SAS. Within minthe one was attacking the beams with a huge fluffy thing on a stick, bringing down stoods of dust; another was clearing the dresser of phototraphs statuettes, and so on, severely at the grill-pan. The cans fied. "There are areas," taid the chief cleaner sternly, which if we had a regular weekly contract, we would gradually bring up to scratch." Their materials are mainly industrial cleaners ("None of those nasty CFC aerosols, of course"), but they claim there is no special magic about this, only economy. However, there was an astonishingly

Nail problems? The secret PIL-FOOD. Heins in many cases. Successful in many countries.

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smelly white stuff marked Pie Disinfectant Foam Cleaner,

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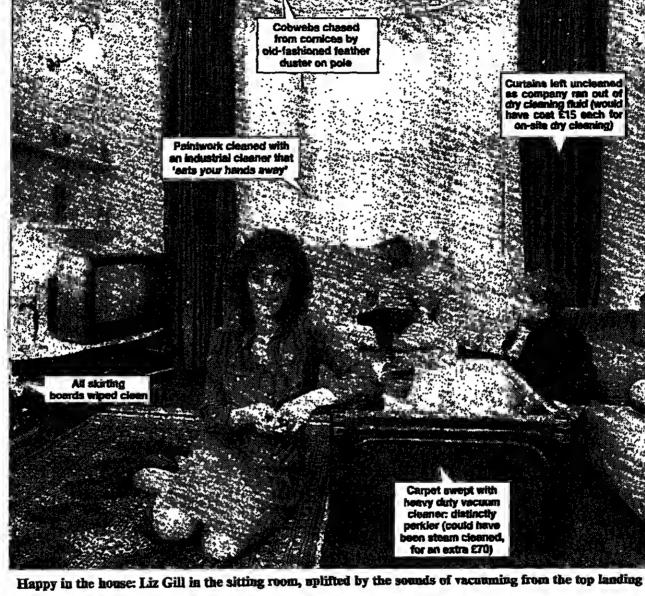
and cupboard doors. "It's for more stubborn stains. I don't think you can buy it in shops." The place smelt like a hospital. I retreated.

After two hours of purposeful bustle, I persuaded them to break company policy and have a cup of tea with me. This isn't the worst sort of house," they confided. "The worst is either the really smelly one or else the one which is already perfectly clean, but the owner is just very, very fastidious." After polishing the floor to within an inch of its life, they whisked into their van and disappeared, like a beantiful

THE VERDICT: Well worth the money for a spring clean, but a bit of a luxury as a routine - though probably not for harassed high-earners. Interestingly, this type of professionalism removes the last vestiges of guilt about having a

THE TASK: Clean filthy

oven, grimy fridge, kitchen



THE TASK: General clean of five-bedroom

Victorian London house. The team: One woman, one man from Accommodation Cleaning Services. The times 61/2 hours (one hour over estimate, including one 20 minute break). The cost: £193 (as quoted, no extra charge for the extra hour) inclusive of VAT, cheque

Shirley Bassey, Boy George and me. There is something wonderfully piquant about knowing that the scouring pad Libby Purves . purging your taps has recently

been attacking some celebrity's gold-plated ones. Accommodation Cleaning

Services won't "do for you" on a regular basis; what they specialize in is the one-off job at short notice. Their minimum charge for cleaning is £65. No job, it would appear, is too unspeakable for them to tackle. The team they sent me had given one bouse its first elean in 20 years.

What I wanted was the maximum amount of spring clean I could get for about £200. We settled on skirting boards, work surfaces, floor and oven in the kitchen; tiles

the bathrooms; paintwork, doors, cobweb chasing, and some serious vacuuming. I also included a monster of a venetian blind, whose greasy

"sanitary" ware and taps in slats have been a reproach for

Australian Jill and Craig from South Africa started at 11am and finished at 5.30pm (they said I could have left them to it - the firm is comprehensively insured). They used ordinary brand name cleansers apart from some descaling acids and a bulk-bought industrial cleanser. "Eats your hands away,"

fessional but wanted £128 to

clean the mill room (two people for eight hours). Vacuuming the beamed ceil-

So we settled for Poppies.

"You'll probably want us to

use your cleaning materials," said Marilyn, who owns the

Brighton franchise of the

nationwide cleaning business.

It will cost you another £1 an

hour if we bring ours and they'll be no different from

She delivered her cleaning

team - Kate and Roy - at

ing would cost £64 extra.

said a gloveless Craig cheer-fully. The lavatory is certainly descaled but the stuff now lies in the water at the bottom and I had to clean a film of cleanser off the (albeit sparkling) bath. I didn't fancy a Craig's hands effect on the childrens' skin.

THE VERDICT: There was nothing I could not or would not have done myself. On the other hand there can be few sounds more uplifting than someone else vacuaming into the far corners of the top landing.

polish. And what about the

window frames? "Well, we'll

see how they get on," said

Kate and Roy threw them

selves into action. It turned

out that Marilyn had given

them a five-hour deadline,

When they left, on the dot of

4.15pm, the floors shone, the

juke box sparkled and the

window frames had lost their

THE VERDICT: No doubt

I could have done as well

myself but 10 hours is 10

hours, and work and play

somehow seem to take

priority over housework.

Sally Brompton

paying them £10 each.

layers of grime.

Marilyn.

Liz Gill

A breath of cool, fresh air

The beauty of Iceland

From Manhattan to Madrid Weekends for the adventurous



THE LOS TIMES

SATURDAY

Where is today's Michelangelo?

Religion once dominated Western art, but the subject no longer seems to inspire artists. Official art in British churches has become a matter of pious things in little pious places," says one expert. Sarah Jane Checkland looks for today's version of the Madonna and Child.

plus Easter Jumbo Crossword

Can you always get your copy of The Times?

Dear Newsagent, please deliver/save me a copy of The Times NAME_ ADDRESS __

cupboards and stained bathroom basin, in Edinburgh flat. The team: One woman from Come Clean of Glasgow. The time: 3 hours (without a break). The cost: £50 (inclusive of £14 travel expenses and VAT), "cash on completion". You have to be determined if you want to get your oven cleaned at the weekend in Edinburgh, and it is better not to start trying late on a Friday afternoon. The only people who would quote on the phone at short notice were two 24-hour contract cleaners in Glasgow. I opted for Come

specific tasks. There was a false start on Saturday morning. They said they would arrive at 10am, but they could not find the street on their Edinburgh road man and went back to Glasgow via a street with the same name in the nearby town of Dalkeith, I, meanwhile, could not get through to the office, as their phone had been inadvertently

Clean, who quoted £36 plus

£14 travel for a number of

tremely apologetic and sent THE VERDICT: An another cleaner (try as I might, I could not find an alternative firm to do it any cartier, so it was lucky that I wasn't cleaning up for a high-powered dinner party) who arrived on Monday morning - 20 minmes early. From the first spray

left off the hook.

able through an agent), to the last wipe of the kitchen floor took almost exactly the three hours estimated (she took no break). In between she cleaned not only the items agreed, but "as part of the service" the grill pan, oven drawer (coated in a mysterions lard-like grease), the basin taps — and did the washing up. When I next looked round, the freshly pecied orange (my breakfast) had, too, been binned. The kitchen gleamed until it put the rest of the flat, and more particularly me, to shame. Clearly it was as nothing compared to her worst ever job (they are prepared to take on almost anything), which was a fridge full of maggots which were still coming to life after the fumigators had been

of the Amway (an American

wonder-product only avail-

Estimates, usually made in person, are charged by the job, not the hour, if necessary, an army of eight or nine can be sent in to do a "blitz" and she would have been prepared to come regularly, collect keys from a neighbour and roughly estimated £40-50 to do the whole, one-bedroom flat, once But the company was ex- every three to four weeks.

impressive performance, to a standard I would aspire to but seldom reach myself. But at £50 it would be difficult to justify as a normal part of the housekeeping.

was only one advertisement for "cleaning and maintenance" contractors targeted squarely at the domestic market. When I phoned Genie Cleaning Services at 7pm on a Sally Kinnes

THE TASK: Spring clean ground floor (excluding kitchen) of converted 18thcentury Sussex water mill (complete with grinding stones, sluices, cogged-wheel drives and designer cobwebs). The team: One woman, one man from Poppies of Brighton. The time: 5 hours, inclusive of two five-minute breaks. The cost: £60 as quoted (inclusive of VAT and travel expenses); cheque accepted.

Of the 16 companies I rang in the area, only six handled domestic cleaning and only two were prepared to do the job to meet a pre-Easter deadline. Alpine Cleaning Services appeared more pro-

no extra charge for extra

In my local Yellow Pages there

half an hour), cheque

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11.15am, along with the tools of their trade. 'It's mainly the floor, isn't it?" she asked. I said I thought we had agreed upon a general clean, dust and THE TASK: Spruce up founding father of Genie, was able to fit me in "on Tuesday neglected parquet floor, dining table, chairs, sideboard at 2pm". His team arrived at and kitchen table in semi-3:15pm - having phoned to detached house in Solihull

The team: Three women, one mine he usually charged an man from Genie Cleaning Services, Birmingham. The time: 2½ hours, half an hourly rate. hour over estimate, no break. ing materials. The cost: £32 as quoted (£16 an hour inclusive of VAT,

apologise for running late and he said that for jobs like

Genie brings its own clean-In the alloted time the two

women and one 17-year-old girl (later revealed as Haywood's wife, sister-in-law and daughter) and Haywood himself also cleaned the kitchen (including the floor), washed the windows in the woodwork was squeaky clean and the parquet pristine. kitchen, living and dining room and vacuumed the carpet. But I fear they simply forgot about the kitchen table. Friday night, Mike Haywood, The new shine on the parquet

floor was imparted not by wax but by "a special industrial preparation, non-slip". They recommended Antiquwax for the wooden furniture, first cleaning off "layers of grease" with a mysterious chemical My chairs and dining table looked a lot smarter - but my sideboard was stripped of much of its rich colour and looked dry and pale. "That's the way it's supposed to be," Haywood assured me. THE VERDICT: The

But I had to take the cat tray off the kitchen table and the wellies out of the living Victoria McKee

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Cannon Fulham Roed (01-370 2636).
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EI EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG): J G Sallard's autobiographical novel shout a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World Wer; filmed by Stevan Spielberg with great panecha. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153

El FATAL ATTRACTION (18): A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and tamuly. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling timiler (119 min). Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20. Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 8.10, 9.15. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00. Biaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 6.30, 11.15. IR FATAL ATTRACTION (18): A

15: THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yı. Chına's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citzen. With John Lone, Peter D'Toole (162

min). Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55, 11.15

MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it sate and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother.
Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director prize at the Barlin Film Fishival for this winning comedy-drama (nominated for six Oscars) (102 min).
2 Cannon Fulhem Road (01-370 2636).
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■ NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-detence, is she sane enough to stand

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 24

DOOLALLY (b) From Deolali, the British Raj's transit camp about 100 miles NE of Bombay, where military mental patients were assembled on their way home to the Netley Military Mental Hospital. SARATOGA

(a) A large cabin trunk for carrying women's clothes from the oncefashionable New York State sun resort of Saratoga Springs; the implication being that to go there and keep up with the Vanderbilis you needed an enormous wardrobe.

(c) A variety of winter melon with yellow skin and sweet white flesh, from the Turkish town of Kasaba,

now Turgudu. TAMWORTH

(c) The Tamworth breed of pigs, characterized by abundant golden-red hair, originated in and around Tamworth, Staffordshire

trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins). Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.25. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.50, 5.30, 8.10, 11.15. 22 Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 8.00, 8.30, 11.10.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE (PG): William Goldman's send-up fairy-tale, filmed with insufficient charm by director Rob Reiner. With Cary Elwes as the hero out to rescue his beautiful princess (Robin

Wright) (98 min). Carmon Cheises (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 5.55, 8.50. 2.30, 5.55, 8.50. Camnon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 8.10, 8.25, 11.20. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 8.10, 8.30, 11.15. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME
(15): Ridley Scott's showy visual style
dominates this police thriller, in which
rooke Tom Berenger is assigned to
protect a well-neeled witness to a brutal murder (106 min). 32 Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Proga 1.10, 3.40, 8.10, 8.45, 11.45.

STAKEOUT (15): Synthetic but spirited comedy-thriller with e dash of romance. Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez play wisecracking Seattle cope on a routine stakeout; Madeline Stowe is the ax-con's girlfriend involved with Dreyfuss. John Badham directs (117

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THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG): Brash Hollywood remake of a filmsy French success. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Stave Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs (178 min) directs (103 min).

12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45, 11.45. WHITE MISCHIEF (18): Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the Fornes, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland and Charles Dance, Michael Radford directs (105 min).
Curzon West End (01 439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

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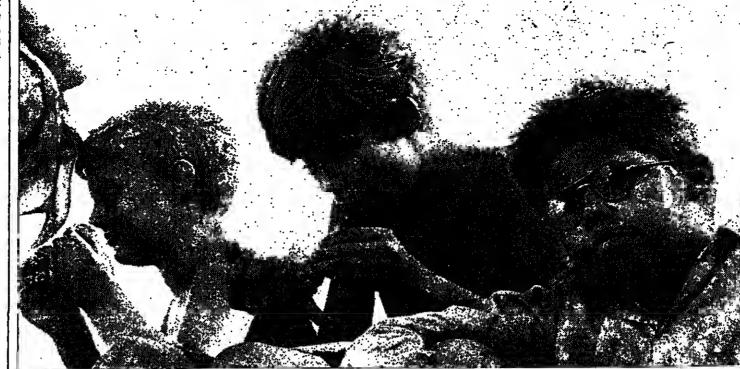
★ THE BROWNING
VERSION/HARLEQUINADE: Rattigan
double bill: starry cast led by Dorothy
Tutin and Peul Eddington.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2
(01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat
8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat
5-7.15pm, £7.50-£13.50.

* KISS ME KATE: Adrian Noble's RSC presentation with extra Cole Porter, Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888), Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed end Sat 3pm, £7.50-£20.

★ LETTICE AND LOVAGE: Maggie ★ LETTICE AND LOVAGE: Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Sheffer's new comedy. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667), Tube: Piccadility Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5,30pm, £7.50-£14.50. (D)

* NANA: Shared Experience's vigorous production of Zola's tale of decadem abandon in fin de siècle Paris. Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568), Tube; Blackfriars, Mon-Fri 7:30-9:30pm, Sat 8-10pm, mats Thurs 2:30-4:30pm and Sat 4:30-6:30pm, £6-£10.50.

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Flight back in time by a lord of the theatre

find a cosy niche in the cinema, yet he keeps returning to the silver screen. Tonight, his memorable 1963 version of Lord of the Flies (above) opens a National Film Theatre season, which is timed to coincide with the publication which is timed to continue with the publication of his autobiography The Shifting Point on April 14. Brook certainly shifts his subjects. The eight features (made over 35 years) draw on a bewildering range of existing material: from

OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH: * The Straw Chair: Edinburgh noblewoman in the 18th century, exiled to the now deserted island of St Kilda. Opening of the

Traverse e 25th season. Traverse Theetre, Grassmarket (031 226 2633), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50.

Z25 2633), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ★ The Constant Couple: Pip Donaghy in Farquitar's city comedy gets the new season off to e sprightly start.

Swan Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon (0789 295623) Previews umil April 5, 7.30pm; mats Sat 1.30pm. First night 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur and Sat 1.30pm. £6.50-£14.50.

OPERA

★ CARMEN: Opera 80's shoe-string travelling production today with Colette McGahon in the title role and Ivor Bolton

conducting, Sands Centre, Carlisle (0228 25222), 7.30 to 10.30pm, £4.50-£7.

★ THE MISSION: Gothic rockers led by

ex-Sisters Of Mercy, Wayne Hussey and

Craig Adams.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222) 7.30pm, £6.

TED HAWKINS: Superb soul and

IN IEM THEW KINS: SUPPRESON AND blues singer from LA who did not fully capitalize on the surge of attention following his "discovery" in 1986. Mean Fiddler, 24-28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £5.

★ ASWAD: New kings of British reggae, still at No.1 with "Don't Turn Around".

Asteria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403) 7.30pm, £7.

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novels by William Golding and Margnerite Duras, to his own acclaimed Royal Shakespeare Company productions from the 1960s (King Lear, US and The Marat/Sade), and the (Amg Lear, US and The Marat/Sade), and the spiritual journeys of the occult guru Gardjieff (Meetings With Remarkable Men). The production styles are equally varied: British costume flummery in the 1953 Beggar's Opera with Laurence Olivier (showing tomorrow), languorous introspection à la Antonioni in

★ MAGNUM/KINGDOM COME: Melodic heavy rock from "Days Of No Trust" Magnum, with strong support from LA's Led Zeppelin soundalike, Kingdom

JAZZ

TRAD JAZZ FESTIVAL: Start of a four-day season of vintage music, today provided by Billy Amstell and Rusty

Taylor. Barbican Centre toyer, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795) 1pm, free.

* BOBBY WELLINS/JIM MULLEN: The

sax player end quitarist lead a quintet which includes Pete Jacobsen. Buil's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £4.

☆ GEORGIE FAME: Penultimate night of his residency alongside the Peter

King quartet. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8 (members £6)

* DON WELLER: Another stalwart of

the British scene, the saxophonist boasts e luscious ballad technique. The Mill, Spiceball Park, Banbury (0295 52050) doors open 7.30pm, £3.

GALLERIES

LOST MAGIC KINGDOMS: A show mixing primitive and modern art and artefacts.

arteracts.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021
235 2800), Mon-Sat 9.30-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 22.

INDIAN MASKS: Carved wooden masks

from the Northwest Pacific Coast and

Canada. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021 235 2800), Mon-Sat 9.30-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 22.

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VIDEO RENTALS:

Come. Redcar Bowl, Maluba Road (0642 480636) 7.30pm, £6.

Moderato Cantabile, brilliantly orchestrated Theatre of Cruelty in The Marat/Sade, and pared-down opera in The Tragedy of Carmen. In the theatre, Brook has been delving into Sanskrit legends about the world's creation; goodness knows what his next cinema production will be. Perhaps his Guardian Lecture on April 27 will provide some cines. National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232), 6.30pm, £3.25. Geoff Brown

HANS HOLBEIN (1497-1534): 41

woodcuts made originally to illustrate Dance of Death.
The Ruskin Gallery, 101 Noriolk Street, Steffeld (0742 735299), Mon-Fri 10-7.30pm, Sat 10-5pm, free, until April 30. JAMES PITTENDRIGH MACGILLIVRAY (1856-1938): A selection of works by the most famous Scittish academic sculptor

htos: Retrials of his day.

Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill,
Aberdeen (0224 656333), Mon-Sat 10-Spm, Sun 2-Spm, free, until April 9. RICHARD HAMILTON: Four Installations and a series of drawings based on Joyce's Ulysses by the Pop artist. The Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2383), Tues-Sat 10-5:30pm, Sun 1:30-5:30, free, until May 1.

IN ANOTHER WORLD: An international selection of work by so-called outsider, or untrained, artists.

Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street,

Manchester (061 228 7621), Tues-Sun 12-8pm, free, until April 10.

ANDY FROST: Humorous sculptures Anuty Fructions scaptures about aspects of popular mythology, sited along e wood trail. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, nr Wakefield (0924 85302), daily 10-5pm, free, until April 5. THE TRAVELLING EARL: A collection of

art and crafts brought back from four Grand Tours by the 5th Earl of Exeter Grand Tours by the 5th Earl of Exeter (1648-1700), Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire, Daily 11-5pm, Today 2-5pm, £3, until October 9.

WALKS

A TOUR OF THE BEST CITY um of London. CHURCHES 2.30pm, £3. FOOLS, FAIRS & FESTIVALS PUB WALK SPECIAL: meet Blackfriers tube, 7.15pm, £3.

PICTURESQUE HAMPSTEAD VILLAGE 7.30pm, £3 (also next Friday).

OTHER EVENTS

EASTER ANTIQUES FAIR: 48 stalls, 1930 datelined, in the Spread Eagle Hotel and Thame Town Hell. The Spread Eagle, Thame, Oxfordshire (084421 3661), Today 11.00am-5.00pm, tomorrow 10.00am-5.00pm, 80p, child

EASTER ELEPHANT EGG TRAIL: Hunt EASTER ELEPHANT EGG TRAIL: Hunt for conservation clues around the zoo for children aged 5 to 16. The first 1,000 children to complete the trail receive elephant money boxes filled with minature chocolate eggs. Competition prizes include return trips to Kenye. London Zoo, Regent's Park, London, NW1. (01-722 3333). Today, tomorrow 9.00am-6.00pm. Sun, Mon 9.00am-7.00pm. Admission to zoo £3.90, child 5-16 £2.00, under 5s free.

CONCERTS

† THE MESSIAN: Handel'e well known piece receives a Good Friday performance from the Royal Choral Society, Leeds Philharmonic Society, Nottingham Harmonic Society, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and soloists under Laszie Heltay.

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465), 2:30pm, 23:50-210.

* ST MATTHEW PASSION: m st mait hew Passion: Choristers of Southwark Cathedral, the Talis Chamber Choir, ECO and numerous soloists are heard in the St Matthew Passion of Bach. Jeffrey Tate conducts. Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-626 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 5-9.10pm, 25-215.

→ ALL HAYDN: Gerard Schwarz conducts the Scottish Chamber orchestra in Haydn's Overture in D. Piano Concerto in G (Carol Rosenberger, soliost), Symphony No 103 Drumroll and adds the Scottish Philharmonic Singers for Haydn's Kleine Ornshesse. Orgelmesse, City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041 227 5511), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ ST JOHN PASSION: see caption.
Royal Festival Heil, South Bank,
London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928) 8800), 7.30-9.50pm, £3.50-£12.



St John Passion by Bach, a work first performed in Leipzig on Good Friday 1724. Tonight's Royal Festival Hall performance (see listing) will be sung in German by the London Choral Society, with Stephen Roberts as Christus and Anthony Rolfe Johnson as the Evangelist. The other soloists are Elizabeth Gale (soprano), Sarah Walker (contraito), Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and David Wilson Johnson (bass). The orchestra is the Loadon Mozart Players.

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DORSET: Little Platt, Plush. 9m N of Dorchester by B3143 to Piddletrenthide, then 1½m NE by road signed Plush and Mappowder: 1 acre garden, interesting collection unusual plants; 50p, child 20p; by appointment only until Aug.

DYFED: Colby Lodge Garden, Amroth, Narbeth, Adjoining Amroth, beside Carmarthen Bay; formal and woodland gardens; free all year during the daylight hours; car park 400 yards uphill, but disabled visitors may park closer disabled visitors may park closer HAMPSHIRE: Houghton Lodge, 1 ½m S of Stockbridge on minor road signposted Houghton; 5 acres landscaped pleasure grounds; fine defindils, rose and kitchen gardens, greenhouses, vinery, over 100 varieties of fuchsia; 21, child 500; open every Weds and Thurs until Aug 31, Mon May 2 and 30, also Sun and Mon April 3 and 4, 2 to 5

KENT: Hever Castle. 3m SE of Edenbridge, midway between Sevenoaks and East Grinstead; formal Italian style and landscaped garden, fine statues and toplary; admission gardens only £2.20, OAPs £1.90, child £1.30; daily (except June 16); 11 to 6.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Cenons Ashby House, Cenons Ashby, Deventry. On 8525 Northampton-Banbury road; home of the Dryden family since 18th century: 70-acre park, formal gardens, terraces; £2; donation box for church; open Weds-Sun end Bank Holiday Monday until Oct (not today); 1-5.30pm or dusk

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

VERDI's FALSTAFF: Staged and sung VERDI's FALSTAFF: Staged and sung in new English translation by Amanda Holden and Jonathan Dove, by City of Birmingham Touring Opera, as part of London International Opera Festival, and Endgames. May 2-3.

Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191 cc 01-928 8800) Postal booking open.

Personal/phone from April 5/6.

OSCAR AT SIXTY: Selection of films to celebrate 60th anniversary of Academy Awards (April 11), including Olivier's Hamlet, the first British film to collect the Oscar for best picture; Ben Hur with its record breaking 11 Oscars; Lawrence of Arabia; and Platoon. April.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232).

LAST CHANCE

JEAN COCTEAU, 1889-1663: Exhibition JEAN COCTEAU, 1889-1683: Exhibition of graphic works used to illustrate his novel *Thomas L'Imposteur*, covering 40 years of drawing, from early examples to playful, humorous sketches towards the and of his life, Ends today.

Albemarie Gallery, 18 Albemarie Street, London W1 (01-493 7968). A TRIFLING MARK OF MY ESTEEM:

Small display celebrating Valentine's Day, love marriage, and friendship, including work by Allan Ramsay. Ends t today. City Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Road, Bristol (0272 299771).

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: Mainty

tendscapes, lent by University of Leiden, including items by Ruysdael and Rembrandt. Ends tomorrow.

Hunterian Art Gatlery, The University, Hillhead, Glasgow (041 339 8855).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee: Walks and Talks: Penny Osborn; Other Events: Froshaug, Bookings: Anne

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Maestro: Bobby Chariton —
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by Frank Keating (r).

Sport on Friday introduced by
David Icke. Motor Racing: rounds

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Three championship from
Thruxton and Silverstone; plus
a preview of the Brazilian Grand
Prix; Boxing: action from this
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Welsh Chorus and Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Neville Marriner

group led by the vicar fights to have the line re-opened; another,

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 Gardeners' World from
 Barnsdale.

3.10 Film: Born Free (1985) starring Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers. The true story of George Adamson, a senior game warden in Kenya, and his wife Joy, who reared one of three orphaned ion cubs. Directed by James

4.45 Children of Courage
introduced by Esther Rantzen and
Gavin Campbell (r). 5.35
Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Philip
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news and sport
6.15 Miracle of the Scarlet Salmon. A natural history documentary telling the story of the sockeye salmon's return to the river of its salmon's return to the river of its birth to spawn and expire. Filmed by American Rick Rosenthal, a salmon fisherman and martne biologist. (Ceefax)

7.00 Wogan. Among those appearing tonight are the actress Cher and comedian Kelly

7.49 Every Second Counts.
Comedy quiz show.
8.15 Dynasty. The fun of an
Elizabethan fair, with Alexis
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9.15 Film: Raspberry Ripple (1987).
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10.40 Rossini: Stabet Mater. With Suzanne Murphy (soprano), Sarah Walter (contralto), David Rendall (tenor), John Tomlinson (bass) the BBC Weish Chorus and Symphony Orchaetra.

and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes. 11.50 The Gospel According to Si 11-30 Ine Gospel According to St
Mark (r).

12-00 Film: Bus Stop (1956) starring
Marilyn Morroe and Don Murray.
Comedy romance about a
cow-town bar singer and her overenthusiastic and naive admirer.
Directed by Joshua Logan.

1.30am Weather.

Artie Shaw, jazz band leader and clarinettist (BBC2, 12,40pm)

part documentary about life in France under the German Occupation. This evening's programme covers the early

years of the war and the setting up of the Vichy government.
Directed by Marcel Ophuls.
5 Arena: Byrne About Byrne.
John Byrne, painter and author of Tutti Frutt, directs this authorous phical film about his

autobiographical film about his youth, time at art school, his stage and television plays and on to the future and his death.
Starring Robble Coltrare, Bill

Paterson and Richard Wilson. A Bit of Fry and Laurie.

Hugh Laurie (r). 10.40 Film: The Dresser (1983) starring Albert Finney and Tom

Eileen Atkins and Michael

12.40 Film: Artie Shaw — Time is All You've Got (1984, b/w). An Oscar winning documentary profile of the legendary clarinettist. Written,

Cornedy from Stephen Fry and

Starting Albert Finhey and Tom Courtenay. Comedy drama about a haughty actor/manager, having trouble making ends meet, and his long-suffering dresser and right-hand man. With Edward Fox, Zena Walker, Edward Fox, Zena Walker,

Gough. Directed by Peter Yates. 12.35am Weather

7.15 Film: The Sorrow and the Pity (1971, b/w). Michael Ignation introduces the first of a two-

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6.00 TV-am includes Good Morning Britain from the studio at 6.30 and from Florida at 7.30 and 8.30. Plus, at 8.15, Rowanne Pasco reporting from the site of the Crucificion. 9.00 Wacaday with Timmy Mallett in Disneyworld, Florida. 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word sessyciation dame 9.55 Disney

association game 9.55 Dianey at Easter, Cartoons 10.10 Film: Million Dollar Duck (1971) starring Dean Jones. A Walt Disney adventure about a duck that lays eggs with solid gold yolks. Directed by Vincent McEveety.

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12.00 The Way of the Cross. In the ancient church of St Dunstan and All Saints, Angican Bishop Jim Thompson is joined by his Roman Catholic counterpart, Bishop Victor Guazzelli, to reflect on some of the Stations of the Cross select by contributions from Cross, aided by contributions from people who live or work in

London's East End.

12.30 Quandaries. Quiz game presented by Matthew Kelly. The guest is Diana Moran.

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1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.

1.10 Film: Buck Rogers in the 25th
Century: The Awakening (1979)
starring Gil Gerard and Erin
Gray. Lightmearted science fiction
adventure in which the hero is
launched in a 1960's spacecraft
that is blown off course and he
is sent on a 500 year detour. On
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fleet on its way to a peace
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Daniel Haller.

Daniel Haller. 3.00 Gems. Rag trade serial, set in London 3.30 Sons and

Daughters.
4.00 Carbons. 4.15 Snow White's
50th Birthday Special. Dick Van
Dyke with the story of Walt Disney's success in animation and his own keen interest in the Snow White fairy tale. With contributions from Jane Curtin Sherman Hemsley and Linda

12.15 Film: Opera on Four — Parsital. The first of a season of

programmes chosen by Channel Four's former chief

Channel Four's tormer chief executive, Jeremy Isaacs. Richard Wagner's last opera, in three acts, based on medieval legends, tells the story of the Knights of the Holy Grail who are guarding two Christian relics—the spear that pierced Christ's side and the chalice into which His blood spilled. The Knights are demoralized after the spear is stolen and a new leader is chosen — Parsifal, an innocent

chosen - Parsifal, an innocent fool. With Robert Lloyd, Edith

Klever, Armin Jordan and, as Parsifal, Michael Kutter and

the Prague Philharmonic Choir conducted by Armin Jordan. Directed by Hans Jurgen

Syberberg.

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. The grand final of the general knowledge quiz game presented by William G. Stewart.

5.05 Facric Tale Theatre: Beauty and the Beast starring Klaus Kinskl and Susan Sarandon. Based on the 18th century French tale written by Marlame I. a.

Based on the 18th cantury French tale written by Madame Le Prince de Beaumont about a poor merchant who takes refuge in a forest castle, in the morning he leaves, taking with him a rose for his youngest daughter. His host, a feroclous beast, demands retribution — the merchant's life or one of his

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7.00 News and weather.
7.10 Amazon Marathon. A
documentary film diary of a six-

7.40 Arvo Part St John Passion.
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6.00 The Chart Show

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the city of the incas, to Pucalipa in the Peruvian jungle.

Western Wind Choir conducted by Paul Hillier perform the Estonian composer Arvo Part's St John's Passion, recorded at Durham Cathedral.

Karin Krick. With the Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra and

5.15 Child's Play. Una Stubbs and Dennis Taylor try to discover who or what young children are describing. Presented by Michael

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5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong
tollowed by LWT News and

6.06 The Price is Right. Game show
7.00 Film: Knight Rider — The Movie
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8.30 Watching Comedy love story starting Paul Bown, Emma Wray and Lize Tarbuck. 9.00 Fire & Ice starring Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. An ice spectacular leaturing former world, European or Olympic finalists and dancers drawn from Britain's top ballet companies, with music by Carl Davis performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra (r).

10.00 News with Fions Armstrong.
10.15 LWT News and weather followed by The Word, — The Gospels. The world television premiere of a new musical interpretation of Gospel Stories composed and performed by Rick

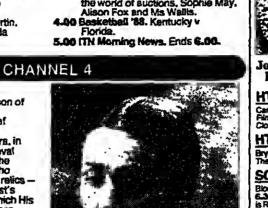
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11.45 Hunter. Part one of a twoepisode story in which Funter and
McCall investigate the death of
a woman in the grounds of an

embassy.

1.2.45am Fin in the Sun.

1.00 Night Network presented by Tom Wat Includes guests Janie Long, Leon Herbert and, from the world of suctions, Sophie May, Alison Fox and Ms Wallis. 4.00 Basketball '88. Kentucky v



9.00 The Cosby Show. Awardwinning American domestic comedy series starring Bill Cosby. (Oracle)
9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow?. Philip Wood and David Wilson visit the two acre Ballymena garden of Robert and Domitius Simpson which that Dorothy Simpson which they have taken 30 years to perfect. (Oracle) 10.00 Cheers. Tonight, Frasier spolls

the romantic mood with Lillith when he tells her that before they marry they must set a pre-nuptial agreement. Starring Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley.

(Oracle)
10.35 Film: Sitting Ducks (1978) Norman. A comedy drama about Simon and Sidney, two small-time crooks who make a lot of easy money from Simon's employers, but then run into a senes of strange encounters.

Directed by Henry Jagiom.

12.15am Film: Melvin and Howard
(1980) starring Paul Le Mat, Jason
Hobards and Mary
Steenburgen. The story, based on
fact, about Melvin Dummar, a fact, about Melvin Dummar, a factory worker turned milkman down on his luck, who one day gave a lift to the multi-millionaire



Karen Krick in the British TV première of Parsifal (C4, 12.15pm)

Howard Hughes and was left a fortune in Hughes's will. Directed by Jonathan Demme. Ends at 2.05.



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6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sports
11.45 Magnum 12.40 mm News

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Meditations for Holy Week 11-25
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Lord's Passion 4.00 Dempsey's Den
4.30 Happy Brithday 4.35 Robin and
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Galls 3.15 A Little Princess 5.45 News
6.00 Fingles: Through our Eyes 6.35
After the Gold 7.30 Room Outside 8.00
Mrs Mitchell 8.30 On the Town 9.00
News 9.15 Late List Show 11.20 New
11.25 Film: The Man Who Welched
Trains Go By 1.00am Closedown.

kiss at our neighbourhood VAT collector. I would say PTE 2 Starter3.55pm Verd Re-ters 5.30 Film: Fores of Harrow 8.00 Nuech 8.05 God in China 8.35 Sportsword 9.30 Mystery Theetre 10.25 Raily Report 11.00 Looking Back to the Future 12.00 News that at least two of his items could have that effect - Carla Bley's "The Piano Lessoo" and the Dirty Dozeo Brass



Faye Dunaway as the glamorous "M", a young disabled boy's fantasy figure in Raspherry Ripple (BBC1, 9.15pm)

Sugaring the pill of disability

 A young man sentenced to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, Rick (John Gordon-Sinclair) combines an unsentimental acceptance of his lot with fantasies derived from his passion for Hollywood gangster films. Inspired by the portraits of Bogart and Edward G. Robinson which adorn the walls of his room, he dreams of emulating his cellu-loid heroes by blowing open a safe and beauog it across the border to Acapulco. In this fantasy the stern matroo of his long-stay hospital becomes transformed into the split-skirted, blonde-wigged boss of the Chicago underworld. This is the cue for a double role by Faye Dunaway, who shifts backwards and forwards from being Rick's matronly ad-versary in real life to the insolent and provocative figure of his dream world. Such is the flavour of Rupert Haselden's play, Raspberry Ripple (BBC1, 9.15pm), a title which owes its relevance to the theme by being rhyming

slang for cripple. One assumes

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that the play has some basis in fact since it is based on an idea by Gurmeet Kasba, who both suffers from spinal muscular atrophy and developed a crush on Faye Dunaway while watching her as the female half of Bonnie and Clyde. The idea of being forced by disability to retreat into an imaginary world is plausible coough, and so is the point made by Raspberry Ripple that it can only be a temporary palliative. As drama, however, the theme is never developed beyond somewhat forced parallels betweeo the imagined journey to Acapulco and an actual day trip to Brighton, Moreover, the fantasy sequences are often confusing. And while Sioclair's performance, full of brittle cynicism, is excellent, Dunaway fails to convince as the matron and is largely wasted as the femme fatale.

Peter Waymark

RADIO

CHOICE

A day of passions

 Fundamentally, two versions of the Passion on Radio 4 today are identical. Stylisucally, they are worlds apart. You should sample them both to appreciate the importance of ambiance. Preparing a Place, a meditation for Good Friday (10.00am), was recorded in a cathedral. The Image of God (3.00pm) the fourth of David Buck's Mystery plays simulates a medieval market square. The latter eval market square. The latter is rough and ready and has the language of Everyman. The former has the soaring spirituality that reflects its setting and seems to me to be as evocative of the Passion as Cambridge's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is of Christmas. The music, verse and prose is compiled (and some of the words written and spoken) by actor Peter Firth.

Peter Barkworth and Hannah Gordon complete a most distinguished trio performers. • Alan Plater, presenting Humour in Jazz (Radio 3, 6.30pm) thinks his selection is the kind to make us blow a

a Place (R4, 10.00am)

Band's "Star Spangled Banner", with Lester Bowie's Tar-ra-ra-Boom-de-ay" as a

 Tomorrow night's Radio 4 production of Owen Holder's play A Likely Story (7.45pm) is a 90th birthday gift to Joyce Carey. She narrates this murderous comedy with a wonderous innocence that only the closing lines betray as

Peter Davalle

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MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1) News on the hour (except 8.40 pm) Sports Round-Up 6.50 am 4.00 Colin Berry 5.30 John Marsh 7.30 Derak Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruca 11.00 Desmond Ken Bruce 11.00 Desmond
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Jarvi); Hadley (One Morning
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Ireland (April: Eric Parkin,
piano); P.D.Q. Bach (Echo
Sonata: John Solum, flute,
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Sonata: John Solum, flute, Leonard Arner, oboe, Loren Glickman, bassoon, Theodore Weis, trumpet. William Brown, horn, and Neal of Biase, trombone); Sibelius (Spring Song: Bournemouth SO under Berglingt) 7, 30 Mayer

Bournemourn Su moer Berglund) 7-30 News
7-35 Morning Concert contd:
Biber (Mystery Sonata No. 10 in G minor: Franzjosef Maier, baroque violin, Max Engel, baroque cello, Konrad Junghänel, theorbo, and Franz Lehrndorfer, comple Codenn (O artice) and Franz Letrindorter, organ); Poulenc (Quartre motets pour un temps de péritence: Groupe Vocal de France under Alldis); Haydin (Intermezzo (The Seven Last Words from the Cross): Hungarian State Orchestra under Ferencsik); Vivaldi (Consente in E. Ett. 255) (Concerto in E flat, RV 253: English Concert under Princedt; Rimsky-Korsakov (Russlan Easter Festival Overture: USSR SO under

8.35 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Alkan. Marcie funebre aulia morte d'un pappagallo (Metropolitan Opera Studio under Lewenthal); Sonate de concert, Op 47 (Moray Welsh, callo, and Ronald Smith, piano); Barcarolle, Op 65 No 6 (Lewenthal, piano); Barcarolle, Op 67 No 6 (Bernard Rinneissen 6 (Bernard Ringeissen, piano): Barcarolle, Op 70 No

6 (Smith, piano) 9.35 Langham Chamber (Sinfonia No 10 in B minor for strings); Honegger (Pastorale d'été) and Haydn Symphony No 84 in E flat). 10.30 Centates by Bach and

Centatas by Bach and Frank Martin: Performance by BBC Singers, City of London Sinfonia, under Simon Joly. Bach (Cantata No 26: Ach, wie fluchtig, ach, wie nichtig, Frank Martin (Passiontide cantata: Piate) 10.50 Interval 1.30 City of Birmingham

Symphony Orchestra: Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor); and Prokofiev (Symphony No 7 in C sharp minor) Conductor

1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from
Manchester: Park Lane
Sextet perform Bridge
(String Sextet in E flat) and
Glière (String Sextet No 1 in
C minor, Op 1)
2.00 Britten's War Requiem:
Recording of last year's
performance by young
musicians from 25 nations.
Conductor is Jeffrey Tate musicians from 25 nations.
Conductor is Jeffrey Tate
3.30 The Symphonies of Edmund
Rubbra: rectal by BBC
Scottish SO under Hickox,
with Melvyn Tan.
harpsichord, of Rubbra
Symphony No 11 and No
10, with Frank Martin
Harpsichord Concerto (r)
4.30 Weeping by the Cross:
Music by Arvo Pärt
performed by the

performed by the Chameleon Ensemble
5.00 Intimate Voices: The life and music of Leos Janacek, compiled by Patrick
Lambert, With Richard

Pasco and Barbara Leigh-Hunt (r) Humour in Jazz (see Choice)

7.06 News
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7.06 Third Ear: Morag Hood talks to playwright Simon Gray about his new comedy Common Pursuit
7.30 Miserers: Psalm-setting by Marc-Antoine Charpentier. With the Choir and Orchestra of the Chapelle

8.09 Whose is the Kingdom? Seventh of nine plays by John Arden and Marga D'Arcy about the Church and State under the Romar Empire. With Elizabeth Spriggs, Michael N. Harbour, Mary Wimbush and Sam Dastor 9.00 Nash Ensemble: Part one. Rayel (Piano Trio in A

minor) and Gordon Crosse (Wildboy) 9.55 Words with Nicholas Penny 10.00 Nash Ensemble: Part two. Beethoven (Septet in E flat,

Op 20)

10.50 The Seven Last Words: by Haydn, The seventh word performed by the Primrose Quartet in a 1941 mono recording 11.00 Composers of the Week:

Strauss. Recordings of Maiven (sung by Jessye Norman); Memorial waitz Munchen (1945); Dust Concertino for clarinet, bassoon and orchestra; ar Four Last Songs (sung by Felicity Lott) (r)
12.00 News

12.05 Wolf 88: Heimw performed by Barry McDaniel, baritone, and Robert Späman, piano (r)



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9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's guest is Lord
Hailsham of St Marylebone

Hailsham of St Maryreoune (s) (r)

9.45 Plashback: (7 of 8) Novelist
Joseph Hone revisits
Alexandria (r)

10.00 News: Preparing a Place:
Hannah Gordon, Peter
Barkworth and Peter Firth
trace the story of the
harraval, trial and crucifixion trace the story of the betrayal, trial and cruefficion of Jesus through poetry and prose from Cititon Roman Catholic Cathedral, Bristol. With John Gibbons, organ,

With John Globons, organ,
Margaret Peirson, oboe,
Kay Thomas, cello, and the
Clifton Cathedral Choir (s)
(see Choice)
10.45 Short Stories for Holy
Week: Mary of Magdala by
Sara Matitand, Fleed by
Mistan Margaretes Sara Mantand. Fleed by Miriam Margolyes
11.00 News; Analysis: The Road from 1945: What could be the new political landscape for the early 21st century? Peter Hennessy talks to Professor David Marquand, Sie John Hegisms and. Sir John Hoskyns and Professor Eric Hobshawn (r)

11.47 Treasure Islands (new series): The children's book programme with Penelope Lively focuses on what makes children laugh 12.00 News; You and Yours: with

John Howard includes an item on high-tech veterinary surgenes 12.25 The Food Programme: with Derek Cooper 12-55

Weather

1.00 The World at One:
presented by John Sergeant

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News: Woman's Hour.
presented by Dilly Barlow in
Birmingham. Includes an
day in the life of a store

detective, plus items on setting up a sanctuary for battered wives, a women and computing group and a

drive to get more women to play hockey
3.00 News; The Image of God: Passion. Fourth of five English Mystery Plays by David Buck. With John Rowe as Jesus, Peter Jeffrey, John Shrapnel, Anthony Jackson, Michael Deacon, Nigal Stock and Anna Massey (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Nation of Shopkeepers: John Waite reports on five small businesses. (3) A Butcher's in Robertrown, West Yorkshire, run by tha

West Yorkshire, run by the

West Yorkshike, run by tha Buckle family (r)
4.30 Kalsidoscope (r)
5.00 PM presented by Bill Frost and Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Charlotte Green
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs, Tom Boswell and Alanah Martin with travel and transport news transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers: Further tales

from Ambridge
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret
Howard presents her selection from the week's television and radio programmes (s)

8.20 Any Questions: Jonathan
Dimbleby with Foreign
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, author Frederic Raphael, CND Chairman Bruce Kent and Daily Express Assistant Editor Jean Rook. From

Camberley in Surrey 9.05 Stop Press: Michael Effott with a personal view of the week's newspapers 9.30 Letter from America: by

Alistair Cooke

9.45 Katerdoscope: Paul Allen
investigates the state of the
arts in Barcelona

19.15 A Book at Bedtims: Leaving Home written and read by Garrison Keillor, More tales

of the American mid-west (5 of 10) 10.29 Weather 10.30 The World Tonight: presented by David Sells 11.15 Perchance to Dream: An exploration of sleep in verse exploration of sleep in verse and prose with Prunella Scales and Timothy West (r) 11.45 Good Friday Meditation: with the Rt Rev Patrick Kelly, Bishop of Salford (s) 12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

2.00pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (contd)

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diary's clue to killings

By Robert Fisk

A faded entry in the 44-yearold diary of a wartime British liaison officer in the Aegean has provided the first tentative evidence that the six British Commandos executed sfter interrogation by Dr Kurt Waldheim's Werhmacht intelligence unit in 1944 spent at least six months in captivity near Dr Waldheim's head-quarters before their murder by Himmler's secret police.

It had been thought that Sub-Lieutenant Allan Tuckey, Gunner Raymond Jones and four other British Commandos captured on the Greek island of Alimnia were murdered by the Germans shortly after questioning by Dr Waldheim's colleagues at Salonika. Dr Waldheim, the Austrian President, has himself said that he had no knowledge of the British prisoners or their faie.

But former Warrant Officer James Long, who was with the Allied military liaison head-quarters on the newly-lib-erated Greek Island of Lesbos in the sutumn of 1944, yes-terday unearthed his wartime diary when his memory was jogged by the morning's front page story in The Times about the closure of British wartime files that may involve Dr

An examination by The Times of files at the Public Record Office at Kew seemed to indicate that Dr Waldheim may have collaborated with American and British Intelligence in return for the "purg-ing" of his Wehrmacht record.

"I found an entry in my diary marked October 10, 1944, about a signal I had sent to F Force 142, the British raiding forces headquarters under Brigadier Turnhull", he said vesterday. "The entry is very faint, but at the time I wrote: 'Tonight sent signal to raiding forces headquarters saying six BORs (British Other Ranks) held at the house in Salonika, awaiting early execution'. There's no other entry in my diary about this. I cannot remember where we got the information from. But if this is true, what happened to these men?"

There is no indication in Mr Long's diary as to the exact identity of the six British prisoners nor whether the "house" to which his diary refers was Dr Waldheim's headquarters or the local German security police office in Salonika to which it is known the six Alimoia Commandos were taken after German military headquarters in Belgrade had ordered that they should be subjected to "special treatfor execution.

If the six Commandos were indeed still alive in Salonika six months after their interrogation, Dr Waldheim must have known about it - and about their ultimate fate.

The Germans abandoned Salonika a few days after Mr Long's diary entry. Dr Wald-heim himself left the city on October 14 around the date that the six men - if they were the Alimnia Commandos were presumably murdered.

Wartime Royal Maundy gifts for young and old



at deal on

flexibility

By Roland Rudd

Mineworkers yesterday in-dicated that it might be pre-

pared to give up its opposition

to flexible working if British

Coal guaranteed a package of

In the first meeting of its kind since June 1987, Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, said the corpora-

tion was willing to "resume consultative procedures" if

the union accepted that "the

world has changed and the

Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM

president, put forward 14

points, which included nego-

tiated wage increases, pay-ment of lost wages during the

pit deputies strike, an end to

closure of "economically vi-

shle" pits and a backdated pay

increase to cover the period

Sir Robert said he could not

compromise on backdated

pay hut would be prepared to

discuss the other issues after

the NUM provided details in

the miners were on strike.

Union of Democratic Minew-

The National Union

after a Maundy Thursday service at which she was attended by the Children of the Royal Almonry (front). The six children, pupils at local schools, carried nosegnys and

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with destinations in Spain,

North Africa and the Canaries

proving popular. Scheduled flights were in heavy demand.

Mr Roger Gibson, the dep-uty operations control man-ager for British Airways, said: "There are very few seats left on any services from Heath-

row." Planes to the Continent

were filling up fast, and extra

aircraft were being put on to Spain, Portugal and the Medi-

Virgin Atlantic said that its

But Gatwick should be less

crowded with the recent open-

ing of the new North Termi-

nal. A spokesman said that the

airport was expecting a 10 per

cent increase on its Easter

passenger total last year of

On the roads, drivers will

have to contend with the usual

motorway hazards. The Auto-

mobile Association warned of

delays on the M25 around

London at three sets of road

works - at the Dartford Tunnel, Hertfordshire and

Surrey. Other motorways out

of London, such as the M3

more than 200,000.

service to Miami was fully

booked over the holiday.

terranean islands.

Early sunseekers

hit Easter queues

roadworks.

received a "fee" in the form of Maundy

The Queen distributed Maundy gifts to 124 elderly men and women in a ceremony dating back to the 12th Century. The cathedral, in Stafford-shire, was packed for the service.

sures, and the M5 in Worcestershire and the M6 in

Lancashire and Cumbria have

On the railways, long-dis-tance routes will be crowded

despite 200 extra trains run-

ning over the holiday period. British Rail advised pas-sengers to check travel details

in advance and to reserve

seats on popular Inter-City

According to the London Weather Centre, outbreaks of

rain, heavy at times, will

spread from the north to all

parts of the country by to-

night Tomorrow and Sunday

will also be cloudy and cool

with sunny spells and occa-

Walsingham vigil: Pilgrims

carrying beavy wooden cros-

ses will today arrive in the

Norfolk village of Walsing-

ham to keep the Easter vigil and its two holy shrines. The

150 pilgrims have walked

more than 100 miles from six

starting points in Britain to

celehrate Easter. On Sunday,

they will decorate their crosses

with daffodils and dance in

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

TOPONYMS

By Philip Howard

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CASABA

c. A melon

TAMWORTH

c. A woman's peignois

a. A gambling card game b. Turkish ice cream

a. A One-Nation Tory b. Patterned cotton fabric c. A raddy pig

Answers on page 22, column I

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sional showers.

the street.

Royal Maundy purses were handed each year of the sovereign's life. The recipients, selected for services to the Church and community, received purses contained silver pennies, two-pences, threepences and fourpences —

legal tender and highly valued by

The origins of the service lie in the Last Supper, when Jesus spent the evening before he was crucified with his disciples and washed their feet.

NUM hint Kinnock chooses same 'dream ticket' team

Continued from page 1 alongside Mr Eric Heffer as 8 potential deputy leader.

It was also regarded as further evidence of Mr Kinnock's high-risk strategy of staking his personal authority on the re-election of Mr Hattersley, whose performance and commitment has

been questioned since the election. One leading supporter of Mr Prescott said: "They have gone straight to the top but they want to be careful - this might be the Trojan borse for the next leadership contest.

"John's challenge is seen as a very serious one and it will be a successful one."

Mr Smith, who is widely seen as Mr Hattersley's heir apparent on the right of the party, and Mr Cook, a man of the left, will have to unite hostile factions.

Of the two, Mr Cook will have the more difficult job now that Mr Prescott's candidature has split the soft left.

A senior source said last night: "John is the standard bearer of the centre right and Rohin is a very important figure for the centre left. The two of them symbolize the new centre-left, centre-right mainstream in the party reflected in the growth of the Tribune Group,

"You have in the Tribune Group now a very large number of people who span a good cross-section of the left, centre left and centre and Robin Cook takes you into the centre left of the Tribune

"If you take what he repre sents and what John Smith represents on the centre and centre right of the party, you bave represented in the campaign a pretty good swathe of opinion, which is very im-portant both politically and

Mr Kinnock and Hattersley believe that they can get across their message mainly through continuing with their customary duties in Parliament and the party. However, their campaign team will seek to bolster this exposure with special events and meetings.

Mr Prescott, who enjoys close links with trade union leaders and party activists in the regions, will find little difficulty in securing a platform for his campaign.

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Billions hived off the daydreamers

Commons sketch

Chamber at all, leaving the empty green seats to argue their corners for them. Those who manage to stand and speak do so only with the greatest difficulty, while regular hecklers can only drum up the odd cough and splutter.

A canny Government would take the opportunity to whizz some hideous new piece of legislation — The House of Commons (Privatization) Bill or the Scottish Affairs (Total Abandonment) Bill — through the House, sure in the knowledge that the Opposition wouldn't have an eyelid sufficiently open to

But yesterday the Tory benches seemed to be playing it safe, while from the Labour benches there came the odd cry of considerable loopiness, the nightmare cries of hallucinating Members. Mr Graham Allen (Lab, Nottingham North), lean,

moustachioed and unsmil-ing always gives the im-pression of being the original man to complain about a fly in his soup, though it seems probable that he would also complain about the tablecloth, the service and the main course as well. Such people are horribly perky in the morning, desperate to draw the rest of the House into arguments on idiotic topics. Mr Allen wished to know what the Minister of Agriculture was going to do about the foul brood.

Eh? Eh? A number of Tories seemed to start from their seats, ready to demand a retraction of this vile cal-umny against themselves. But Mr Allen had leapt from a fly in his soup to a bee in his bonnet. He was complaining sbout the spread of the foul brood disease among bees, which he blamed on cutbacks in Government inspections.
He called on the Minister to
"stand up for the health of the
British Bee" and, still unsmiling, sat back down.

A few minutes later, The Queen Bee buzzed to her feet, armed with a hive of statistics and percentages demonstrating the well-being of her workers. The Leader of the Opposition fluttered around ber, waving the worse-off in

A morning sitting produces strange effects on Members of Parliament. Bleary-eyed they stumble forth, flopping into their seats with hair unkempt. Many fail to enter the Chamber at all leaving the Boom! Boom! From the

boom! Boom: From the highest to the lowest MPs take a touching delight in jazzing up age old muttering; by dragging in a data, a festival, an anniversary or anything that will lend their (Datastream) anything are a veneer of topicality. Christmas, Moduer's Day, New Year, Easter like Interflora, MPs can always concoct something a little special to tie in with the occasion. But Mrs Thatcher Inde-weighted seemed displeased with her Easter greetings. Two BIL-LION extra for this, three BILLION extra for that, she More cuts bellowed, belting out her BILLIONS like a child with in home its very first Toy Bank.

"Answer the question!" "What about the war widows?" came the sleepy cries from the Opposition as she bundled through her BIL-LIONS. "I AM answering the question," she said, not answering the question. She then produced the brand new statistic that the average family gives £64 a week to the Social Security, a statistic the House is doomed to hear repeated for many weeks hence.

Mr Patrick Cormack sent bis own Easter Tidings. When the Rt Hon Lady goes to Church this Easter Su will she reflect, as she puts her money into the fund, that 15 per cent will be passed on to her next-door neighbour." Whoops! The Easter Card had been opened, and a boxing glove on a spring had bounced out. No, there were no plans to alter VAT, replied the Queen Bee, slamming the card shut once again.

Mr Harry Barnes (Lab, Derbyshire North East) post-ed the Prime Minister an Easter greeting of ludicrous bad taste, quoting Christ on the cross saying "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me," and going on to ask when she would stop forsaking the poor of the country Mrs Thatcher, obviously flattered by the role given her in the absurd analogy, seemed to take it all as a cross-party Easter compliment and spoke excitedly of Government resources.

Craig Brown

Garage drink sale ban Continued from page 1

public houses could stay open until 3pm on Sundays instead of having to close at 2pm.

One of the garage proprietors to be affected by the proposed change is Mr Anthony Poyer of Llanelli (Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent, writes).

His Esso garage was the first in the town to receive permission for an off-licence in the forecourt shop which also sells confectionery, cigarettes and rents videos.

Last year his fuel sales shop sales were £246.000.

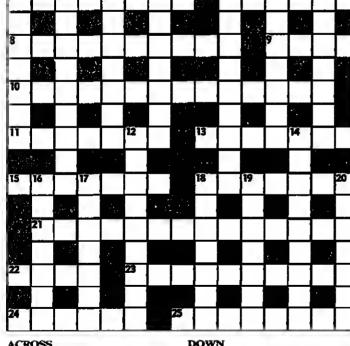
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Poyer said. "Our shop acts as a community service as the corner shops have closed.

"Since sales come from cross merchandising - when people come into to buy a bottle of wine they may also rent a video - it will have a serious financial impact. I shall have to consider lobby-ing my MP."

Mr Gerard Coles, trading standards officer for Dyfed, said that lobbying for the amendment was prompted by the dangers presented when shoppers crossed a busy forecourt with cars moving around, and were not aware that they should extinguish cigarettes.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,632



1 Error by team in a flying manocuve (4-4).

5 Influenza took a firm hold but finally died away (6). 8 Civil upheaval which the world experiences every day (10). 9 Active as a party, getting rid of

odd members (4). 10 Game suggesting people's appearance in the square dance (4,4,6).

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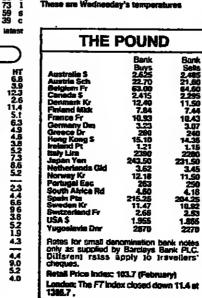
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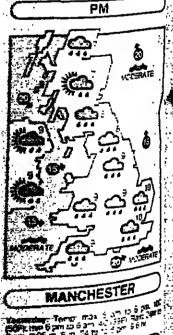
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David Brewerton STOCK MARKET

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THE POUND

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More cuts in home loan rates

A number of the newer mortgage lenders brought down their mortgage rate yesterday in response to the Halifax's

The Japanese Sumitomo Bank, already among the dozen cheapest lenders at 9.9 per cent, set its new rate at 9.4 per cent, the cheapest in the

The Halifax's new rate is 9.8 per cent. Abbey National, which has not moved this week, stands at 10.1 per cent.

National Home Loans Corporation shaved its Liborbinked mortgage by 0.413 of a point to 9.687 per cent. The Mortgage Corporation came down 0.2 to 9.75 per cent and the TSB-owned Mortgage Ex-press by 0.45 to 9.75 per cent.



tion of an alternative bld for Rover in his column tomorrow

£1m Sintrom

Sintrom, the computer peripherals and systems group. produced pretax profits of £1 million last year, slightly down on the previous 12 months. The dividend is un-

Discount chief

Mr JC Barclay, chairman of Cater Allen, has been appointed chairman of the Association. His deputy is Mr GE Gilchrist, chairman of Union Discount company.

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Lawson boost for sterling

Pound at DM3.12 as 'brake is removed'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Sterling surged strongly yesterday, boosted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's renewed emphasis on the defeat of inflation in preference to exchange rate stability.

Dealers said the Chan-cellor's evidence to the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee at the House of Commons late on Wednesday had removed the brake from sterling.

It continued yesterday where it had left off in late trading in New York on Wednesday, rising strongly. The Bank of England made an early attempt to hold it down by selling sterling, but the intervention was not thought to be heavy and foreign exchange traders said the Bank w probably just testing the

The pound closed 1.5 pfennigs higher at DM3.1252, and rose by 1.65 cents to \$1.8855. The sterling index rose by 0.4 points to 78.1, its highest since January 1986. Money market interest rates

eased slightly, but there was no pressure for an early base rate cut and traders said a further rise in the pound would be needed to bring this

The pound's strength hit the

yesterday, as the markets

waited to see whether fears of

a big sell-off of the US

currency by Japanese instit-utions would be realized

In the past few days, in spite of statements to the contrary

from the Insurance Associ-

ation of Japan, the expectation

has grown that, with yes-terday's March 31 year-end

out of the way, Japanese life

There has been speculation

that insurance companies

have been refraining from

dollar sales, and may have been supporting the dollar, to avoid the embarrassment of

NatWest

sets up

\$1bn loan

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank

yesterday said it had applied to the US Securities and Ex-

change Commission for a shelf registration of \$t hillion (£530 million) of subordi-nated capital debt. This gives

the bank the opportunity to

raise debt of up to \$t billion in

the US market over the next two years, after which the period can be extended.

NatWest said it had applied

for the registration simply to have the facility available if it was needed. But it had no

plans to raise any dollar debt

capital. "We have done sev-

eral debt issues this year and

the registration opens up the

US market if we want it," a

NatWest has had a shelf registration of \$250 million since 1982, of which it has

used \$100 million. The new

registration is in keeping with

its policy of maintaining a proportion of its capital in

spokesman said.

dump the dollar.

down at 1,742.5. Gilts, however, showed gains of up to half a point.

"The markets see that Mr Lawson is toeing the line as far as monetary policy is con-cerned," said one senior foreign exchange dealer in London. "It is difficult to see interest rates coming down very quickly and the pound will continue to benefit from

tial in its favour." The Chancellor, in his evidence to the MPs' Committee, not only refused to discuss

target ranges for sterling, but also raised the possibility of a steady rise in the pound's

"It may be that we are so successful that we can have a gradually appreciating ex-change rate as a result of this success," he said.

The Chancellor implied that the stance is much more narrowly focused on inflation," said Mr Richard Jeffrey, director of economic re-search at Hoare Govett. "1 would expect them to allow sterling to rise, it could reach DM3.15 very quickly and DM3.20 before too long."

Japan worry weakens dollar

losses on dollar investments.

decreed that if the yen-dollar

rate fell below an average of

Y126.83 in March, these

London trading yesterday, down from Y125.05 at the

previous close. But its higher

level earlier in the month was

enough to ensure that the

eign exchange dealers, the game has changed and the

dollar could quickly drop below the all-time low of

Y120.45 reached early in

chain of Jewellers Guild

BAT will not comment on

market speculation that the

business is up for sale, but

store opening programme had

been temporarily halted. BAT

said it was examining the

The company, which is fighting a takeover bid for the California-based Farmers Gr-

oup, says that last year the chain of 63 shops — mainly in

the south east - suffered

disappointing sales because of

the fierce competition in the £2 billion-a-year jewellery

Jewellers Guild was launch-

ed by BAT as a spin-off from

its successful Argos catalogue

In 1985, BAT opened 11

stores, followed with ten in

1986 and stepped up the pace

last year with another 29

BAT refuses to say whether

showroom chain in 1984.

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outlets.

"concept" of the business.

"The only thing keeping the below Y120."

Expansion halted

at Jewellers Guild

BAT Industries is taking a the business has ever made a close look at the future of its profit, but the limited size of

But now, according to for-

average was achieved.

The dollar fell to Y124.18 in

losses must be declared.

Japan's Ministry of Finance

The Chancellor's emphasis stock market, with the FT-SE, on inflation, and the discipline 100 index closing 14.4 points this would impose on in-

The dollar continued to fall having to declare 15 per cent

dustry's costs, in particular has convinced many observers that, having had a change in policy forced upon him, Mr Lawson will run hard with it.

"It tooks as if the Government will let sterling rise further in order to bring down inflation 10 below the official forecasts," said Mr David Walton, an economist at Goldman Sachs. the huge interest rate differen-

An inflation rate of 3.5 per cent by the end of the year was looking more likely than the Treasury's forecast of 4 per

Although the Bank of England and the Treasury appear to be operating a tactic of deliberately keeping the mar-kets guessing, foreign ex-change dealers were aware of the possibility that the auth-orities could be setting a trap for the speculators by pushing down sterling strongly when the upward pressure eases.

Yesterday, however, despite relatively thin pre-holiday trading, the absence of significant Bank intervention encouraged the view that the authorities would use this weapon much more sparingly in future.

This and the apparent contradiction between the anti-inflation aims of policy and the prospect of early cuts in interest rates have made sterling almost a one-way bet,

Officials at the Ministry of

Finance have repeated their

commitment to the Group of

Seven accord on stabilizing

the dollar in recent days, and the Bank of Japan is expected

to intervene to stem any dollar

fall that results from April 1

But dealers believe that, set

against bearish market senti-

ment on the dollar, even

heavy intervention by the

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enough to prevent it going

the chain probably means that this has been unlikely.

Jewellers Guild represents a

tiny part of BAT's retailing

business, particularly along-side the highly successful Ar-gos operation which now

trades from more than 200

showrooms, BAT is now Brit-

ain's second largest jewellery

BAT Industries has won a

preliminary injunction against

the enforcement of a Nevada

anti-takeover law, which could have impeded its \$4.5

billion (£2.5 billion) bid for

Farmers, the Los Angeles

The injunction, granted in the Nevada Federal District

Court, prevents Nevada from

insurance company.

regulators approve.

Sock Shop founder wins award



Champagne all the way: Sophic Mirman celebrates her award yesterday (Photograph: Bryn Colton)

Business title for **Sophie** Mirman

By David Brewerton Sandwiched between the editor of Elle magazine, Sally Brampton, and the Business-woman of the Year, Sophie Mirman of Sock Shop International. Lord Young of Graffham appeared at ease yesterday - a sharp contrast to his similarly sandwiched position between Graham Day of dollar up is the prospect of Rover and Professor Roland intervention by the central Smith of British Aerospace banks," said one London forearlier this week.

eign exchange dealer. "The yen and sterling are the cur-rencies to be in." between men and women deliciously obvious, and opp-

> Less obvious was picking the woman who would carry off the prize in the footsteps of not only Miss Moore but also Anita Roddick and Jean

Few people will have heard of Clare Gallagher, one of the six finalists. She was nominated by Sir John Harvey-Jones, an accolade in itself, for her demanding job as production planning manager of the Organics Division of ICI in Huddersfield.

Miss Mirman could find no takers when she offered 49 per cent of Sock Shop's equity for anyone ready to finance the start-up for the modest sum of £45,000. Kick yourself, ven-

Meanwhile, the Good Man behind the Great Woman, Richard Ross, Mr Mirman, circulated quietly - quietly, that is, except for his flashy socks - out of range of the

He plans to open another nine Sock Shops in New York this year, to add to the three already operating there. And the attractions of New York?

"Legs," replied the man the shutters clicked.

imposing a 60-day time limit on the BAT tender offer for Farmer shares. The offer, launched at the beginning of March, has just been extended until April 27 and is likely to be rolled forward until the

Greenspan rejects plan ment among them over how

Looking the former winner Debbie Moore straight in the eye; the noble ford was able to talk about sex, the differences

The Businesswoman of the Year Award, sponsored by the champagne house Veuve Clicnuot and the Institute of Directors, brings together the twin themes of enterprise and the abilities of women. Lord Young, over-exposed to both in the course of his ministerial duties, was the obvious choice to present the award, at the loD in London.

Tyrrell.

from the shadows, as his wife cut the celebration cake and David Brewerton was one of the judges in the Businesswoman of the Year Award

for regulating Wall St

Mr Alan Greenspan, chair-man of the US Federal Reserve Board, yesterday rejected proposals to establish a new regulatory structure to monitor Wall Street following the October crash. In testimony to Congres-

sional officials, Mr Greenspan said the proposals to establish a new framework to correct deficiencies in the market would be counter-productive. He feared it would drive husiness overseas and so segment the market place that the broad co-ordination sought would not be achieved.

Mr Greenspan's testimony surprised some members of Congress who are urging the creation of emergency powers to prevent another crash. Several said that given the dollar's renewed plunge and the receot performances on Wall Street, here could be another disaster in coming months.

The hearings before the Senate Banking Committee included the heads of the three regulatory agencies which have authority over US securities and futures markets. There is widespread disagreeto respond to the October Mr David Ruder, chairman

of the Securities and Exchange Commission, argued for broader powers for his agency to take such actions as estahlishing its own "circuit breakers" in the event of a market emergency. At the same time, in sharp contrast

to Mr Greenspan's remarks,

Mr Ruder indicated he would

like to see larger margin

Comment

requirements. Both officials urged the banking committee, which has proposed broad new legisla-tion, to defer action on the bill until after a newly-established presidential committee has reported its recommendation. The committee, headed by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, has until May 18 to

submit recommendations. White House officials established the committee at the 11th hour because of the internal bickering over turf among the regulatory agencies. In addition, the Administration hoped to head off legislation submitted by Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the banking committee.

Mr Greenspan said the issue of margin requirements was so controversial that it must be studied further. The lack of conseosus reflected differences in objectives. Officials must decide whether the objective of new margin requirements is to control leveraged speculation or to simply protect the market, he

Congressional officials indicated their growing impatience over the slow speed with which reforms were being implemented. One senator said the White House decision to appoint yet another presidential commission was a delaying tactic which could retard the reform process in an election year.

Because of the sharp divisions among regulators, se-nior Senate officials said they doubted legislation would be

CLEAR SIGNS OF A SOUND BUSINESS STRATEGY.

ř	987 (£'000s)	1986 (£1000s)		•
Turnover	91,203	87,242	+4.5%	
Irading profit	16,138	15,175	+6.3%	
Profit before tax and exceptionals	13,645	13,123	+4.0%	
Earnings per share after tax	11.63p	10.83p	+7.4%	
Dividend per share	3.97p	3.70p	+7.3%	

The year ended 2nd January 1988 saw good progress in difficult trading conditions, with profit before exceptional items increased by 5.0% to £13.7m over the comparable year in 1986.

A strong second half performance was reflected by

important developments in the implementation of the Group's business strategy. The Group is now more broadly positioned in the retail, brewing and leisure industries, and poised for the future in each sector.



□ Marketing expenditure to BODDINGTONS support all brands increased to £2 million. Beer distribution and warehousing successfully contracted out to TNT.

□ Brewing operations rationalised with

HENRYS

closure of Oldham brewery.

☐ High level of investment sustained in retail estate.

Continued expansion of catering activities: 13 Henry's Table outlets trading profitably, and

six more will open in 1988. THE VILLAGE

□ Non-brewing activities including

Ogden Wade and Village Leisure Hotels trading well. Annual General Meeting, Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, Peter Street, Manchester, 11.45 am

Thursday 5th May 1988. Copies of Annual Report can be obtained from: The Company Secretary, Strangeways Brewery, Manchester M60 3EL.

Two appointments to Leigh-Pemberton's executive team lugging the holes in the Bank

By Richard Thomson

Banking Correspondent The Bank of England yesterday filled two of its most senior positions, vacant since the recent spate of high-level departures, and transforming the executive team as Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton enters his

second term as Governor. Mr Brian Quinn, the head of banking supervision, is taking over from Mr Rodney Galpin as executive director in charge of banking supervision, while Mr Penn Kent takes over from Mr David Walker as executive director in charge of the Bank's finance and industry

department. Mr Quinn's appointment was no surprise and was widely welcomed in the City. Aged 51, and a gritty Glaswegian with a forthright style, he has been head of banking supervision since 1986. As one Bank insider put it: "What Quinn lacks in smoothness, he makes up for in

knowlege about the subject. He is a more hands-on manager than his predecessor."

Since the political furore over the Johnson Matthey Bank affair in 1984, and with the rapid changes in the City, supervision has become an increasingly high-profile part of the Bank's activities. In this environment, a tough director is needed. "The banks won't be able to pull the wool over Quinn's eyes," Mr Keith Brown, bank analyst for Morgan Stanley,

The Bank is obliged by law to have an executive director in charge of its banking supervision department. Mr Quinn will also be responsible for banking operations, which include the Bank's small banking and clearing activities, and the issue of bank notes

Mr Kent's appointment comes as more of a surprise, as his experience is largely in the international division of which he was head. Aged 50, he has also acted as private secretary to previous Bank governors and as a British representative at the International Monetary

Fund, as well as heading the press office. He will be taking over duties which include handling the Bank's responsibilities in securities markets and other Big Bang areas.

A series of departures and resignations, beginning shortly after the Governor's reappointment was announced earlier this year, made the appointments neccessary. Mr Walker has moved to head the Securities and Investments Board, although he remains an executive director of the Bank. Mr Galpin left the Bank yesterday, to become executive chairman of Standard Chartered Bank later this year, while Mr PeterCooke, in charge of international banking supervision, is leaving the Bank in October.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

A&M Group seeks up to £2m in placing

'A&M Group, the USM-listed television studio, stage and furniture hire company, has embarked on a capital-raising exercises because of exceptional write-offs in its non-core businesses. Its results for the year to end-Jamary will show a substantial below-the-line loss incurred by diversifying into catering hire. The non-core operations may now be sold.

A&M will be raising between £1 million and £2 million through the placing of new 10p shares. Existing shareholders will be able to apply for shares. A&M made £241,000 pretax in the first half against £83,000 for the 1986-87 year.

Elys increases Edwards for to £713,000

Elys (Wimbledon), the department store group, re-ported pretax profits up from £473,000 to £713,000 in the year end-January. The final dividend was 11p, making a total of 12p for the year, up from 10.5p last year. Earn-ings per share increased by ed by 42 per cent to 38.7p. Sales, including VAT, rose 15 per cent to £10.4 million.

Bell division Robert Holmes & Court, the

Robert Holmes à Court, the chairman of Bell Group, has appointed Mr Michael Edwards, provost of City of Loudon Polytechnic, managing director of London-based Bell Group International. Mr Edwards replaces Mr Alan Newman, who becomes chief general manager of Bell Group. Mr Edwards is a director of Bell Resources.

Blenheim tops £1.4m

Blenheim Exhibitions, Britain's leading exhibitions and conference organizer, more than doubled pretax profits from £602,000 to £1.43 million in the year to end-February, and is lifting the dividend from 1.05p a share to 2.4p. Last September's acquisition, Online, made profits of £1.35 million in calendar year 1987, comfortably outstripping the warranted profits of £875,000.

Blenheim says its over-riding aim is to increase earnings and dividends per share and achieve strong cash generation.

"We are moving forward fast," said Mr Neville Buch, the chairman, "and I am confident the momentum will be maintained." The company now has a portfolio of events with a significant second half weighting.

Berry, Birch lifts profit

Berry, Birch and Noble, the USM-quoted financial services and insurance broking group, lifted pretax profits from £909,000 to £955,000 in the year to end-January. The figures, which include those of the Etherington group, show earnings per share up from 9.3p to 10.4p, and the dividend is lifted from 2.8p to

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L&G plans to raise £187m

Legal & General Group plans to raise \$350 million (£187.26 million) by a Eurocommercial paper pro-gramme. Funds from the issuance of new paper will be used to refinance existing short-term debt. The programme will be supported by medium-term committed facilities arranged with a number of banks.

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Senior leaves questions unanswered Senior Engineering Group is earnings a share show only a asking shareholders to take it modest advance — from 5.09p

on trust that 1987 was a to 5.22p a share. reasonably good year. But even after a close look at the figures, it is by no means easy to be sure that this was the But the rate of increase should be markedly higher in 1988. The pretax profit line from now should start to look more impressive as acquisitions make a fuller At least seven deals incontribution and because the volved cash and paper. There was a one-for-three rights current year has started off on issue at 60p to help fund expansion and redress the a strong footing.

The year ended with gearing down from 27.8 per cent to 6.7 per cent, having been op to 60 per cent at one point during the year. Net cash at the year-end was £12.7 million. Since December 31 some of the cash pile has been spent oo two more deals, and there is another in the wings.

Some divisions, ootably mining, are likely to remain dull performers, but Senior oow shot of loss-makers and with good order books in most areas - should be good for pretax profits in the £13 million region in 1988. The shares at 54p, down 2p,

offer a prospective price earncalled a strike or a dispute, but ings ratio of 8.4 — roughly in line with that of the mechanical engineering sector. But because Senior should

marginally outperform its sec-tor, there is a case for buying though oot for chasing.

Sintrom

Mr Terry Cave has had to take some tough decisions since leaving Cootrol Data, the large US company, last year

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Sintrom has now been honed into four distinct sec-

tors focusing on computer

distribution and service. The

order book has recovered to

record levels and is currently

50 per cent higher than a year

per cent.

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and stepping down a division to take over as chief executive at Sintrom, the Reading, Berkshire, manufacturer and supplier of computer peripheral

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The re-structuring which he initiated led to a move from volume business to higher value products where the competition is less fierce and the margins are more comfortable. The results should begin to flow through strongly in the current year.

For the year just ended, Sintrom marked time, with pretax profits marginally lower at just over £1 million, on turnover up from £16 million to £17.5 million. Earnings per share rose 11.6 per cent to

There was an absence of any contribution from the Perex manufacturing business which had made about £500,000 the year before. Mr Cave and his team withdrew from the dethe current year. Acquisitions are being actively considered up to £7 million, possibly in The shares have recovered

some ground since the market fall but there still remains a very strong family holding of about 70 per cent which has oot helped liquidity.

Assuming the family decides to accept some dilution if shares are issued as part of an acquisition, then at the current level of 95p, the shares look fairly valued.

Anglo/B&H

Next Friday, April 8, share-tolders approving and Stock Exchange permitting, dealings

pany, and Sysmatic, the maintenance side which is active in a market place growing at an estimated 60 per cent per annum. Margins in-creased across the board by 6 B&H since it embarked on an ill-fated diversification programme in the early 1980s. Under the scheme, Angio

With prospects of Perex which has been underwritten

returning to its former profit-able levels, Sintrom should be good for about £1.7 million in

sign and volume manufac-turing of tape streamer products, writing off un-wanted stock, and conducting

a thorough overall accounting for a good slice of the £324,000 Elsewhere in the group, the Sintrom Electronics distribuwill restart in both Anglo United and Burnett & Hallamtion arm, notched up its best shire (which will resume year ever and there were fine performances from LRT, Sintunder the new name of NSM). rom's local area network com-

Since their suspension at the end of January, the final touches have been put to a complex rescue plan for the sorry mess that has existed at

will swap its British coal business, worth £42 million, and about £20 million of related debt, for a 31.4 per cent stake in B&H. B&H is raising £52 million in new money via a rights issue,

The deal, approved by An glo holders and due to be voted on by B&H next Thus day, will see NSM emerge are pure open-cast mining company, with 25 per cent of the British market; gearing of 53 per cent, falling to 30 per cent if and when its San Diego property is sold; agreed borrowing facilities of £30 million; and cash acquisition a good way

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When NSM reports in June it will show some hefty losses, for the year ended yesterday, but oothing that has not been accounted for in the refit ing Analysts are pencilling in profits of £11 million for the new year. There will be no tax

Leaving aside the Kuwanis primed to take on 29 per cent of NSM but expecting be-tween 15 and 20 per cent, institutional interest at the rights price of 71/2p shares were suspended at 14p shares were suspended at 14p
has been strong. Buyers are
expected up to 10p, and every
1p on the share price adds £4.6
million, or 4p a share, to the
value of Anglo, whose own
prospects as a debt-free fuel
distribution group are enhanced, too.

Given, B&H's history, investors may be a little cantions, but followers believe. this scheme leaves everyone a winner. Both shares look

(STOCK MARKET)

Melbourne (Reuter) - Elders Resources yesterday forecast a large expansion of its minerals marketing and gold output, with the main contribution expected from the reverse takeover of New Zealand Forest Products.

balance sheet. And despite the

financial impact of a 13-month disruption at the Sale factory of Senior Colman, pretax profits in the year to December advanced from £7.62 million to £9.26 million.

However, it is a source of

irritation that the group will oot break down just how much acquisitions contrib-oted at the pretax level. Such a

breakdown is badly needed to

measure organic growth. Analysts will be left with question

marks, especially as 1987 was

clearly not a year when every-

It is academic whether it is

the Sale upset cost Senior £1.22 million, charged as an

exceptional item above the

line. The good news is that the

problem is in the past. Also,

management has learned a lesson from one loss-making

contract in the US last year

and will be avoiding too

ambitious contracts from here

Because of the weight of a

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thing ran smoothly.

The 47.5 per cent-owned associate of Elders IXL had earlier reported a 54 per cent

rise in net profit for the first half of the year ended Decem-ber 31, to Aus\$26 million (£10 million).

Elders Resources said the Aus\$970 million reverse takeover of Forest Products, under which the New Zealand company is bidding for Resources. was endorsed by an independent report.

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The company said Price Waterhouse, the accountant, described the complex Forest Products bid for Resources as fair and reasonable."

Io Auckland, Forest Products' shareholders used an extraordinary meeting to force a decision oo the proposed merger to a shareholders' vote, expected on April 7.

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GEC drops to a low of

145p as analysts fear slower dividend growth

company, hit a low yesterday with a fall of 2p to 145p as brokers contioued to take a cautious line on prospects for About 10 million shares

changed hands on talk that analysts at James Capel, the broker, had joined the growing band of disgruntled brokers which has cut profits forecasts.

Earlier this week its rival Merrill Lynch, the New York securities house, reduced its estimate of full-year pretax profits from last year's £680 million to £670 million. Some brokers, like Barclays de Zoete Wedd, had been looking for a final figure of £690 million.

Merrill has blamed its downgrading on a change in British Telecom, one of GEC's biggest customers. It also gave a warning that the traditional rush of last-minute orders from the Ministry of Defence has failed to materialize.

Brokers now fear that the possible slowdown in profits growth will also take its toll on GEC's fast-growing dividend. At the interim stage, the group rewarded shareholders with a 20 per cent increase. But the analysts are arguing that scope for a similar rise in the final dividend is oow limited. The rest of the equity

market spent another disappointing session with fund managers and brokers alike taking advantage of the depressed cooditions to make an early start to the Easter break. Those who remained at their desks were occupied in squariog their books ahead of the new financial year next week. The lack of support was

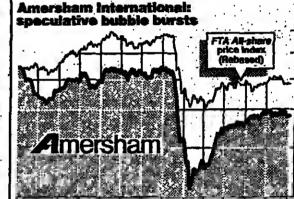
clearly reflected to share prices which drifted throughout most of the session but managed to close just above their worst levels. Turnover slowed to a trickle with just 337 million shares traded on the Stock Exchange's computers. The FT-SE 100 ended the second leg of the three-week account 14.4 lower at 1,742.5,

while the narrower FT Index of 30 shares lost 11.4 to 1,386.7 having been as low as 14.6 points off. But the latest surge io the pound was good news for Sovernment securities, reviving hopes of another early cut in interest rates. Prices at the longer end of the market closed with gains stretching to

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strength turned out to be bad bidder would have to be assing back some of the losses. Falls were seen in ICI, down 14p at 980p, Glaxo 9p at 993p and Jaguar, 7p at 276p.

The prospects of a full bid for Amersham International the high-tech and healthcare group, have suffered a setback this week following the Government decision to leave its golden share" option, which blocks any unwanted bids, io place. The market had been hoping that the Government

Tilbury, the construction group, firmed 3p to 337p after learning that John Govett had raised its holding in the company from 8 per cent to 15.62 per cent. Last year it held a similar stake which was sold on to Raine Industries although a bid attempt by Raine was later aborted. This latest move

sopes that it may be lining up snother bid. would allow the option to lapse yesterday, the first date on which it is legally entitled to do so.

by John Govett has revived

Amersham is still regarded as the most vulnerable of the privatization issues. The news earlier this year that BP would be allowed to proceed with its £2.5 billion offer for Britoil only served to increase speculation. This led to suggestions that it was now open season for the privatized companies.

But there are other hurdles to cross, apart from the Gov-ernment, for any company wanting to try its luck with Amersham. The group's articles of association prevent any single shareholder from hold-ing more than 14.9 per cent of the company. Any potential

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news for the big dollar earners ured of winning at least 75 per - most of which suffered an cent of the votes and altering fore being guaranteed that its bid would succeed.

In the past Amersham's ame has been linked with the likes of ICI and Fisons in Britain and Pfizer and Abbotts in the US. The name of Wellcome has also been mentioned as a possible suitor.

Whispers in the market claim that Wellcome has already carried out a feasibility study ioto the chances of a bid succeeding. Amersham would make a good catch for Well-come, which has been leading the fight against Aids.

But it is rumoured that the proposal of such a bid has met opposition from some members of the Wellcome board. Its shares finished the day 8p lower at 444p.

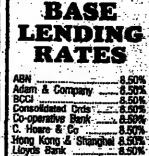
Storehouse remained a firm market, climbing another 6p to 232p after deciding to withdraw its Habitat Moth-ercare business in Holland, which has been operating at a

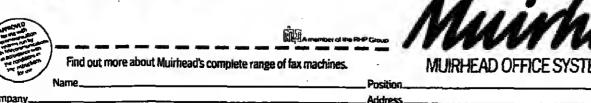
Earlier this week there was talk that it had received an approach for its British Home Stores subsidiary. Dealers claim Next, which has just produced a sparkling set of figures, is the mystery buyer. Analysts claim Next is in need of more floor space and may soon be forced to hit the acquisition trail. The rumours were enough to clip 5p from Next at 261p.

Amstrad, the consumer electronics group headed by Mr Alan Sugar, slipped 2p to 155p. Talk in the marketplace claims that Mr Sugar has seen a oumber of brokers and urged them to tone down their profit forecasts for the current year.

Back in February, the group reported a 26 per cent rise in interim profits to £90 million. Most analysts are now looking for £155 million for the year compared with £135,7 million last time.

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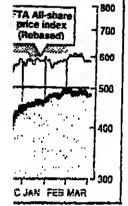
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WPP buys Henley Centre for maximum of £18.55m

WPP Group, the British advertising company that last year took over J Walter Thompson, yesterday an-nounced the acquisition of the Henley Centre, the Londonbased consultancy.

WPP, run by Mr Martin Sorrell, is acquiring the Hen-ley Centre, which specializes in social and economic analysis and forecasting, for an initial payment of £3 million, split into £2 million cash and £1 million of WPP ordinary

The six directors of the Henley Centre, who between them own 70 per cent of the shares, have signed six-year "non-compete, non-solicita-tion" contracts with WPP.

This will avoid the sort of problems faced by WPP in New York where it is fighting a court case over the abrupt departure of senior executives

Acorn

sinks

to £3.2m

deficit

By Alison Eadie

Acorn Computer Group, once the darling of the USM and

now 80 per cent owned by Olivetti, sank into loss again last year with a pretax deficit

of £3.2 million, against a previous profit of £1 million.

Turnover fell to £36.1 million

The custom systems di-

vision was the main problem.

making a £2 million trading loss and incurring £400,000 of

closure costs last November. The benefits of the closure are

already being reaped in sav-

Acom's core business in

education, training, science and research broke even at

operating level. Investment

costs of launching the new Archimedes range of personal

work stations held back prof-

its. The Archimedes came on

stream late in the year and is

. It sells at less than £1,000.

The company says it has a

great deal of power for the

price, does excellent graphics,

has interface abilities with

other areas like video and

music studios, and is easy for

the non-computer literate to

use. It can also emulate all the

previous BBC Master Series

machines, ensuring the soft-

ware will not become obsolete.

Evode, the adhesives manu-

facturer, is spending up to

£9.36 million on buying SO.F.TER, an Italian pro-

ducer of thermoplastic elasto-

mer (TPE) compounds for the

shoe industry and general

Evode is initially taking a 25.1 per cent stake for £1.74

million cash. A vendor placing

of 3.85 million new shares will

raise £5.79 millinn, which will

partly finance the £6.05 mil-

lion cost of a further 69.9 per

cent of the Italian company.

profit this year.

Acorn hopes to be back in

Evode purchases

Italian TPE firm

By Our City Staff

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from its JWT subsidiary Lord, Geller, Federico and Einstein.

Further payments in cash and shares will be made over the period to 1992, dependent on the post-tax profits of the Henley Centre. The final consideration will be based on a formula of 10 times the posttax profits of Henley for the three years ending in August 1992, subject to a maximum of £18.55 million.

This maximum will include a bonus payment of up to £10 million, half in cash and half m shares, if the Henley Centre achieves a growth rate in posttax profits of more than 25 per cent a year over the five years

Management accounts for the Henley Centre for the six months to the end of February showed pretax profits of £413,500 and the directors pretax profits of of August.

The Henley Centre, with a staff of 47, roughly half own-ing equity in the company, was originally an educational charity attached to the Henley Staff College. Last year it acquired company status, and was exploring the possibility of an eventual floration on the unlisted securities market when Mr Sorrell made his approach towards the end of last year.

Mr Robert Tyrrell, the director of the Henley Centre, said that under WPP it would retain its independence and that he foresaw no difficulties with the Centre's other advertising agency clients.

WPP said in a statement: "Henley's unique range of consultancy services will provide the group and its clients with a strategic resource which

£540,000 in the year to the end will develop an understanding of how markets and consumers change, the economic implications arising from so-cial and political factors, and ways in which it is possible to transform the understanding of that change into profitable marketing decisions.

> The Henley Centre, set up in the 1970s by Mr James Morrell, was originally an economic forecasting unit but branched out into social research and forecasting in the late 1970s. This work, while still in its infancy, has proved popular with companies planning marketing strategies for the future. The Henley Centre's clients include Asda, Boots, BP, British Airways, Midland Bank, Nabisco, Prudential, Shell, Unilever and Whitbread.

WPP shares were up 3p at



Senior executives: (from left) Roland Smith, chairman, Don McFarlane, chief executive and Michael Westcott, financial director, yesterday (Photograph by Peter Trievnor)

Dispute hits Senior profits

Senior Engineering Group, the heat treatment, thermal engineering and construction services company, says the 13month disruption of produc-tion at its Sale, Greater Manchester, factory as the result of an industrial dispute cost the group £1.22 million in the 1987 financial year.

Professor Roland Smith, the chairman, said that the dis-pute was now behind the group, and added that but for the exceptional charge uet earnings would have shown a more substantial advance.

Payment for the outstand-

Evode said it had been

ing 5 per cent will be related to

profits this year and next, but will not exceed £1.57 million.

looking for an acquisition to

expand its existing plastics division and extend its prod-uct and market bases. This

purchase would widen its

involvement in TPE com-

pounds - synthetie rubbers -

and in the Italian market.

The group yesterday dis-closed pretax profits, after taking the £1.22 million charge into account, of £9.26 million (£7.62 million) on a turnover that rose from £104.1 million to £144.1 million.

Senior made a one-for-three rights issue during the year, and issued shares for various acquisitions, the net effect of which was to hold back the growth in net earnings per share to a 3 per cent advance.

A final dividend of 1.29p a

'sbare was declared, making 2.20p (2p) for the year. The shares were 2p easier at 54p vesterday.

Professor Smith said it had been an active year, with seven acquisitions, but declined to detail how much the new companies had contributed to the pretax profits line.

The group had started the 1988 financial year with a strong order book in most areas, he added.

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Consortium lifts offer for Epic

attempt to persuade Peachey Property Corporation, the rival bidder, to withdraw.

Giltvnte, the consortium headed by Mr Stephan Win-gate, lifted its terms by 5p a share to 270p, valuing Epie at about £65 million. This compares with the 260p offer from Peachey which has been declared final. Giltvote speaks for 27 per

SO.F.TER was established in 1980 and pretax profits last year reached £1.04 million.

By Our City Staff The consortium bidding for cent of Epic while Peachey has

Estates Property Investment a 33 per cent stake, Company (Epic) raised its Last night Mr Wit offer last night in a last-ditch who has the backing Last night Mr Wingate who has the backing of the Epic board for his bid - said: "We've decided to offer another 5p to get this out of the way. Peachey stands to make a good profit on the

> But Mr John Brown, the Peachey managing director, said: "We are happy to remain in Epie as substantial minority shareholders." Peachey's offer closes on April 12.

Winners

"You can't satisfy all of the people, all of the time." So says an exasperated Lord Boardman, the chairman of NatWest Bank. The ongoing debate between him and his shareholders in The Times City Diary as to whether its 16p final dividend should be paid on April 5 or 6 - before or after the new tax year - has now been further complicated by one of his employees. In a letter to me he complains that, despite a request to the chief executive to delay payment for a month, profit-sharing and discretionary payments were still paid to staff on March 18 - thus incurring the old, higher, rate of income tax. Upon reading Tom Boardman's argument that a numher of other major shareholders, such as pension funds and charities, would lose out if the dividend payment were delayed a day, to April 6 — thus being able to claim back only 25 per cent tax instead of 27 per cent - the said employee quips, goodnaturedly: "As a member of the bank's staff and a shareholder, I feel most virtuous, if somewhat poorer." Final word from Boardman; "Per-

name of Miss Lawless.

reducing income tax."

Dutch buyouts for Habitat

By Rosemary Unsworth Retail Affairs Correspondent

Storehouse, the retailing group run by Sir Terence Conran, is closing three Mothercare stores in the Netherlands and has completed a management buyout for three Habitat shops which will be run under franchise.

The six stores traded at a tntal £1 million loss for the year to March 31. Mr Peter Griffin, the Hahi-

tat Holland general manager, is to operate stores in Amsterdam, Rntterdam and The Hague with two Dutch partners and financial backing from Bank Mees and Hope. He said this was the first Habital European franchise

operation Storehouse had set up in Europe, although outlets in the Far East, including Japan, Hnng Kong and Singa-pore, were operated under The Dutch Habitat shops were opened in 1984. Store-

hnuse said that althnugh the Dutch were Anglophiles, the local market, which bad been supplied from Britain and France, was markedly

"They have colder winters and go skiing and thus need more insulating clothes for their children, and spend more on them than us - which helps to explain the problems at Mothercare - but they tend to spend less on their homes than the British. Hence the Habital difficulties," said a spokesman.

Habitat's future expansion into the smaller European markets is expected to follow similar franchise agreements.

Meanwhile, Mothercare is to concentrate on countries where it has good trading locations and substantial opportunities for expansion.

The transactions will be treated as an extraordinary item in the accounts for the year to April 2, 1988, with a charge totalling £4.5 million.

Storehouse shares gained 5p To 231p after the nouncement.

Blacks Leisure to pay £3.5m for four stores

By Cliff Feltham

Blacks Leisure, the camping and sports goods retailer, is paying £3.5 million for West 8 Sports, which has four stores trading in the London area.

West 8 Sports has war ranted that net profits before tax were not less than £400,000 for the year end-February.

They have also warranted profits of £2.2 million over the next three years, with any shortfall subject to a repayment of oot more than £500,000 on the purchase price.

The shops being acquired are at Brent Cross - where West 8 Sports trades as Lucas Sports — Kensington High Street, Ealing and Hounslow.

As part of the deal, Mr Anthony Spurling, managing director of West 8 Sports, is joining Blacks, taking respon-sibility for its retail division, which will now consist of 26

COMMENT David Brewerton

No soft landing for the Dow Jones Average

the end of the first quarter? For as the Presidential election moves closer, the chances of Wall Street climbing back into its twenty-first century, let alone staying there, become less rather than

There is no such thing as a normal market in a normal election year, but it would be fair to say that there was a strong body of opinion that the Dow Jones Industrial would not have a bad time in 1988. It is common practice for the Federal Reserve to fix events quite nicely for the incumbent administration, and the securities industry goes along with the hype, especially if the incumbent is Republican. But, this time, the game has just been too one-sided to be fixed, and the dreary reality of an unbalanced economy blows up and down Wall Street like the wind off the

The market is looking forward, in a way, to greeting President Bush, but the chances are that the man who learned Reaganomics at the master's knee will be as unwilling to tackle the fiscal deficit as the current occupant of the Oval Office. The Fed will not be able to let things ride for ever, however, and some tightening of policy is inevitable after the election. But will the cure be any more comforting than the ailment?

Long before the ballot papers are counted or the voting machines cranked into action, the US Administration will have to refinance the running deficit, and the signs are that it will have to

Dow Jones Industrial could not overseas investors, particularly the hard-make it above the 2,000 level by saving Japanese who finance the freespending Americans. Bond yields are likely to go up, and that hardly bodes well for Wall Street.

In a recent paper, the Thompson Twins, Peter and Jeffrey of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, advanced the view that Wall Street has the potential to go lower if bonds and the dollar weaken. Their near term target is 1,900, which would reflect the markets eventual recognition, they say, that the recent, now defunct. rally was due to a combination of dividend washing, takeover and other stories and to second-line stock activity.

The world is waiting with trepidation for the second leg of the bear market. whieb began with the October 19 crash. A fall to 1,900 would not, in the view of the BZW strategists, be the making of such a second leg. They maintain that the Dow would have to move closer to its crash level, and they do not see that as a near term possibility.

The second leg is more likely to appear this time next year. By then the Presidential honeymoon will be over and it will be clear that the new administration, like the old, will not properly tackle the problem of the dual deficit. The dollar will be coming under pressure and bond yields will have to move up to attract foreign capital. These are the classic symptoms of another market crasb. There is no soft landing for the US equity market".

Yet when it happens, it will catch everyone by surprise.

Treasury and Bank feed exchange rate confusion

f you want a strong, free market, accept the pound's rise and, indeed, anti-inflationary pound, then you can bave one. That may not have been the Chancellor's intended message to the markets when he presented his evidence to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee late on Wednesday, but that was certainly the effect he had

The pound, having left DM3 behind early in March, yesterday put some distance between itself and DM3.10, closing 2.5 pfennigs above that level. The next staging post in the markets is

Against a weak dollar, the two-dollar pound has again become a possibility. policy. Yesterday sterling nudged up to \$1.89. It will only take a bout of Japaneseinspired dollar weakness, and further sterling strength, to take us up towards those 1980-81 levels for sterling.

The Chancellor was said to be furious with the Prime Minister for making comments before the Budget which added to the pound's strength. Presumably be was a little cross with himself yesterday.

There are two ways of looking at what the authorities are doing. The first is that they are setting up a bear trap for the speculators by allowing it to rise far enough for its upward momentum to fade naturally, at which point the Bank of England would zoom in with some large-scale intervention.

This would at least show that the Chancellor was not reading from last year's notes when he told the Treasury Committee that exchange rate stability was still an important objective. But. given the pound's strength yesterday, such a tactic would probably only work when the markets have turned bearish on sterling of their own accord.

Chancellor, having been forced to mean a little pain.

publicly acquiesce in it, will now seek to show that, if anybody ever doubted his anti-inflation credentials, they had better watch out.

So, exchange rate stability is redefined as allowing it to rise, but not too fast, industry is squeezed, and the Chancellor, at some stage over the next few months, starts to talk in terms of achieving zero inflation.

The fact that these two can exist alongside one another means that the Treasury and the Bank have at least achieved one of their intended aims sowing confusion about exchange rate.

The rise in the pound has been good for the gilt market, although it has not always been clear from the market's reaction. If it is to become enshrined as part of a new battle against inflation, then that - in combination with a sizeable "surplus" on the public sector borrowing requirement — looks like a dream ticket for gilts.

Even if the pound is reined back, it is clear that its new permitted range although we do not talk about such things - is higher than the old one, which again is good for inflation and the gilt market. The main danger arises from the potential for damage to be done to sterling by more poor trade figures. The Chancellor left himself room for a significant upward revision of the forecast current account deficit this year, in bis evidence.

For the equity market, the position is rather less happy. It would lose, alongside the gilt market, from a sterling and base rate crisis. And it will continue to lose out if the pound's rise continues to eat into corporate profits. Lower inflation will be good for equities in the The second possibility is that the long-term. In the short-term, it may

Saudi role in BCCI The Saudi Arabia-owned

industrial use.

National Commercial Bank is, I hear, expected to assume a more active role in the Bank of Credit and Commerce Inter-national following the recent heart transplant operation on BCCPs founder and president, Agha Hasan Ahedi, al Harefield Hospital in Middlesex. The Jeddah-based National Commercial Bank, which is owned by Sheikh Manfouz's family and is one of the largest banks in Saudi Arabia, already has a sizeble state in BCCI. The bank is represented on BCCl's board by Sheikh Khalid bin Salim lan Mahfouz, a prominent member of Sheikh Mahfouz's rich and influential family, and also international relations manager of the National Commercial Bank. The Saudi bank took over the shares in BCCI previously owned by Bank of America and some promunent Arab tycoons, hut has always - until now, that this - maintained a low profile. Similarly tight-lipped. neither BCCI nor Harefield Hospital has so far issued a

the surgery. The London borough of Eding, which increased its files by more than 60 per cent its year, is rewarding its esidents with, of all things, international cuisine in its must national cuisine in its mals on wheels service for the leastly. Senior citizens in Eastly. Senior citizens in Eastly. I am told, can now order chicken curry on Mondays that a kitchen in Southall.

statement on Abedi's con-

dition, although his close friends say he is "improving"



Building a nude image

Marley chief executive George Russell. "Instead, we commis-

Marley, the building products group, has been priding itself on the award won by a stand belonging to Nottingham Brick, its new subsidiary, at a recent trade exhibition in Glasgow. "There was not a real brick on display," says Marley chief executive Gentre stylish designs and more by one of the paintings - of an sioned various artists to paint alluring nude, appropriately pictures incorporating bricks depicted sitting on a brick.

Pound wise

Scottish Heritable Trust managing director Robin Garland need not worry about the depth of his management team. His profit incentive scheme, designed to give managers a share in everything earned by their divisions over and above the 20 per cent return on assets demanded by head office, produced an un-

expected response from one of his team. "He said he would write down the capital of his subsidiary to £1, pay us [the parent company] off and borrow from the bank at half the rate we were asking," Garland recalls. "So we had to huild a gearing element into the equation." Had his protegé's ingenuity merited promotion? "Not yet, but we're keeping a close eye on him," Garland



Prez's des res Some 20 or so friends of

President Reagan have apparently clubbed together to buy bim and Nancy a \$2.5 million retirement home in Bel Air, Los Angeles. Standing in one and a quarter acres, with views of the Pacific Ocean, the house has three bedrooms and six bathrooms, two of them off the master suite. "It's a very conservative and tasteful bouse," says local estate agent John Aaroe. "There's nothing ostentatious about it."

and losers

haps they'd all like to complain to the Chancellor for

• From the most appropriate name of the week to the most inappropriate . . . at the Barclays Bank branch opposite Cannon Street station is, I am told, a cashier by the

Recruiting drive to deal with patents after 1992

Munich (Renter) — The European Paleni Office, which grants patent rights for inventions, is planning to take on aunther 350 staff 10 cope with the soaring workload expected when European Economic Community-wide rules come into force in 1992.

Set up in Munich in 1977, the EPO processes about 50,000 patent applications a

Mr Paul Braendli, the EPO president, said an EEC patent treaty should come into operation in 1992, enabling applicants to obtain a single "community patent" valid in all member countries. "We will have to employ a lot more people to cope with this development," he said.

technology are all areas with great potential for further inventions, Mr Braendli said. The EPO expects the number of patent applications to rise to at least 70,000 a year in the 1990s, increasing to some

120,000 annually by the begin-

Medical equipment, optics,

semiconductors and computer

ning of the 21st century. The EPO plans to hire 350 more people this year, increasing its workforce at the Munich headquarters, a branch in The Hague and a sub-office in West Berlin to 2,700. By the end of the 1990s the EPO could employ up to 3,700 people.

The advantage of the EPO is that it can grant patent protection to individuals and firms in more than one of the Carol Leonard organization's 13 member market becomes established,

countries, Mr Braendli said. An inventor can apply ei-ther to the EPO straight away or restrict himself initially to a patent for his own country.

Within the next 12 months the inventor can decide whether to make an application to the EPO for wider patent rights.

The EPO includes Britain, Austria, Belgium, France,



West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netberlands, Liechtenstein, Sweden, Switzerland, Greece and

Mr Braendli said the EPO wanted to increase its membership to include countries such as Portugal, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Ireland, Turkey, Yugoslavia and When a single EEC market

present their products throughout the EEC and obtain overall protection with a single patent, he said. "The more the internal

is created — it is planned by the end of 1992 — it would pay

smaller industrial inventors to

pect from smaller industry,' he said.

Mr Braendli said national patent nffices still had a role in play, although the number of patent applications for a single country was declining. He said national offices

were likely to become more involved in providing information to the public rather than granting patents. "National patents could still be sufficient for small inventions which don't need protection in many countries," he

said. "A national patent would be cheaper." The EPO co-operates with the patent offices of the United States and Japan.

China, which opened a pat-ent office in 1985 modelled on western systems, also cooperates with the EPO, exchanging patent documents and information.

"The Chinese office is a sign that China has recognized the fact that technological and industrial development needs a good patent system," said Mr Braendli.

The establishment of the office is part of China's opening to western business. Between 1985 and February 1987, 10,358 patent applications were filed by foreigners in China out of a total of nearly 36,000, the EPO said.

Funded exclusively from patent fees, the EPO has an annual hudget of about DM520 million (£167 mil-

Rating cut for Marine Midland

From Stepben Leather

Hong Kong Standard and Poor's, the international rating agency, has downgraded \$2 billinn (£1.07 billinn) nf deht at Marine Midland, the New York-based bank owned by the Hongkong and Shanghai

Standard and Poor's has cut the bank's senior debt from Aplus to A, subordinated debt from A to A-minus, preferred stock from A-minus to BBBplus and commercial paper from A-one-plus to A-one. saying its capital structure had weakened because of Third World loans.

The agency has also reduced the rating of Marine's certificates of deposit from A-plus to A and letters of credit from Aone-plus to A-one.

Mr John Gray, the finance director of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said the downgrading was unjustified,; and added that the parent; bank did not intend to inject: any more capital into Marine Midland.

"The rating agencies have their own rules," he said. "It's not a problem for us. We don't think Marine needs more capital. Standard and Poor's put

Marine Midland on its watch: list in February, after the bank reported a net loss of \$409 million for 1987, compared with a 1986 profit of \$145 million.

The bank had to make special provisions of \$600 million for Third World debts.

(Renter) - West German retailer Asko which said its

acquisition of part of the US

Safeway group had been approved.

A Daimler spokesman said the company's stake in AEG

AEG ended at DM252, up

DM8.10. Siemens, the biggest of the electrical sector, fell

DM2.10 to DM359, while

preference shares in the com-

DM5.50 to DM538.50.

which ended at 294.01

outer-maker Nixdorf tumbled

Late bargain-hunting

showed up in the Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, cal-

culated foor times a session,

was still 56 per cent.

Dow slips as dealers

(Renter) - Wall Street shares fell slightly in early trading with many dealers on the before the long

stay on the

sidelines

A fall in the dollar contributed to early selling, analysts said. US coupons fell in price, pushing op yields.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down one point at 1,977.12. Declining issues led gaining ones by two to one.

Among the recently weak technology issues, Teledyne was off 14 at 3224 but Digital Equipment rose 56 to 10336 and IBM tacked oo 1/4 to

 Westinghouse Electric Corp expects sales to rise by 8½ per cent this year after two years of flat or slightly lower sales, Mr John Marous, the chairman, told analysts yesterday.

"The 8½ per cent (sales) growth targeted for 1988 is achieveable," he said. "And we are well positioned to achieve the profitable growth we seek this year."

He added that the company's target is earnings per share growth of a least 10 per cent a year. In 1987, Westinghouse earned \$5.12 a share on sales of \$10.68 billion, off from \$10.73 billion in 1986.

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Nikkei loses ground on dollar weakness

WORLD MARKETS: TOKYO

(Reuter) - Share prices closed down in active trading due to an absence of fresh positive factors, Wall Street's over-night drop and the unstable dollar, brokers said.

"The market was also get-ting a little overheated," said a broker at one of the big four Japanese securities houses, referring to the market's 999.35-point surge over the previous three days.

The Nikkei index lost 59.81 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 26,260.26. It soared 366.98 points on Wednesday. Declines led advances 1.2 to

one on a turnover of 1.4 billion shares against 1.8 billion previously.

Communications, electri-cal, rubber, auto, warehouse,

(Reuter) - Share prices closed steady in moderate trading on

late buying support, brokers

said.
The Hang Seng index rose
15.05 points to end the day at
2,543.97 after falling 3.83
points initially. The Hong

points initially. The Hong Kong index gained 11.04 points to 1,669.99. Turnover

was HK\$668.12 million against HK\$892 million on

pulp/paper, construction and precision instrument issues lost ground. Securities house, oil, non-life insurance and credit/lease shares rose.

The market is near the 26.646.43 record high hit on October 14 last year. Leading Japanese brokerages had been generating tremendous trade to mark the beginning of the stock market fiscal year this week and this helped boost the index at a rate that made predictions that records would be broken this month appear

likely to become reality, brokers said. In addition to a generally weaker trend overseas, a record-high level of margin buying has also deterred investors, brokers said.

Other brokers said leading

HONG KONG

Late support boosts prices

Brokers said buying in-centive was low after all the leading companies had re-

"There was some window dressing by overseas institu-tions in the afternoon," said one broker. "They wanted to

enhance the value of their

Brokers said the market was not impressed by the results of

portfolios."

securities houses were cooling down activity so as not to bring the market up too fast.

"Hitting a new high is less a matter of time, and more a matter of co-ordinating what will happen after that," a broker said.

Corporate investors closed their books for the fiscal year yesterday.

The key to Tokyo's continued strength was the dollar, brokers said.

"A lot is depending on the dollar," said a Nomura broker. "High techs bear great weight on the Nikkei, and if

A faltering dollar nurt elec-

eson rose HK\$12.20.

HK\$1.86 billion.

there is strength in that sector, that is what will help to bring us up to a new high."

the Cheung Kong group, which was the last to report.

Cheung Kong fell five cents to HK\$7.45 after reporting a 23 per cent rise in 1987 profits to HK\$1.58 billion. Its Hut-

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to HK\$8,25 on a profit of

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Accumulator

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(today's are on page 29).

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director. Cooper Gay & Co. Mr Stephen Marriner and Mr Tom Wilson have been named

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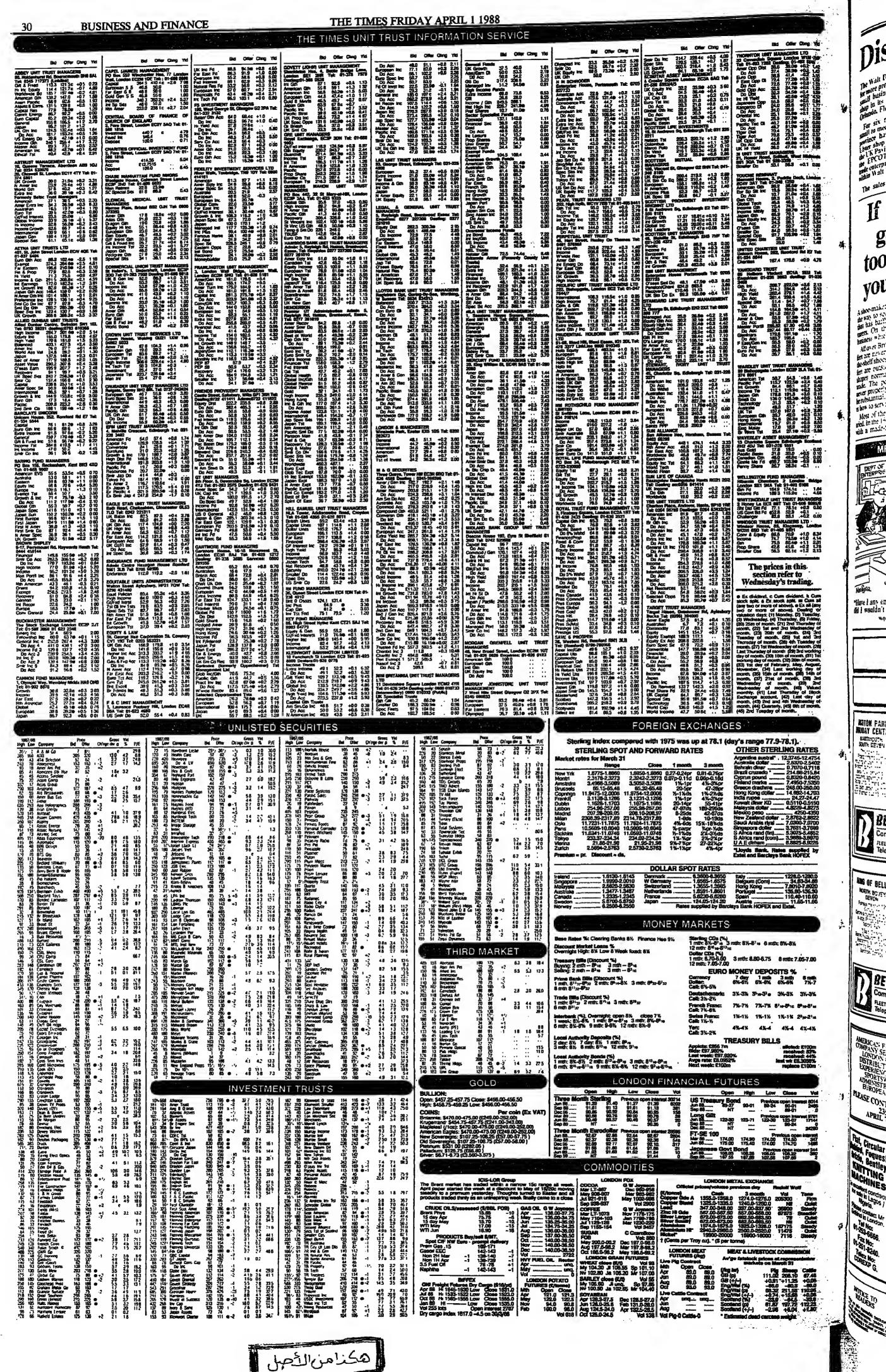
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Disney goes shopping in Ulster

The Walt Disney organization is asking for more products from Northern Ireland small businesses to put into an Ulster shop in its world-famous complex near Orlando, Florida, Brian Collett writes.

For six months goods from several small to medium-sized businesses in the province have been selling fast in the Ulster shop called Lords and Ladies in the UK Pavilion - the pavilion is part of the EPCOT Center, an international trade enterprise and futuristic exhibition within Walt Disney World.

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A shoe-maker in rural Suffolk is well on the way to solving a marketing problem that has baffled big footwear manufac-tures. On the way he has built up a business which is now profitable.

All over Britain there are people whose

feet are never really comfortable in off-the-shelf shoes because one or both their

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mental six months recently brought two Disney executives to Northern Ireland in search of more orders. The best-selling lines included linen, porcelain and cassettes of Irish music, all expressing the history, tradition and culture of Northern Ireland.

The products, representing many thousands of pounds' worth of exports, particularly valuable to this area of high The sales boom during the experiings, Spence Bryson and Ulster Weavers. parks and visitor centres.

The Disney people who came back for more visited other small businesses looking for new products.

Jim Gilliam, the EPCOT Center's merchandising general manager, said: "Business has been very good since we started selling the Northern Ireland products, and in a number of cases we are having to re-order."

The export effort, promoted by the uncomployment, came from the Lurgan Industrial Development Board for company of Seawright Douglas and five Northern Ireland and Ledu, the Ulster Belfast businesses — Appletree Press, Lynas Irish Handcraft, Outlet Record-widened to take in the potential of theme



The Ward family (from left), Adrian, Mr Ward, Harvey, Jane and Garth

not combine well with volume shoemaking. They were about to give up when Harvey Ward, a third-generation shoe man with a footwear-repairing business, came forward and offered to buy the system. Clark's agreed and lped him to transfer the operation to his repair factory in Stowmarket.

The basic concept is simple. The customer stands on a sheet of paper while the retailer makes a "foot plan", taking measurements and noting any peculiarities. The retailer, who gets training for the job, posts the foot plan to the factory and the shoes come back by

In the early days, Clark's experi mented by setting up a four-man unit in a Peter Lord shop in Croydon, making the shoes in front of the customers, but this proved too popular and the team was withdrawn to the factory in Street,

Ward now has eight men producing John Locke shoes. After taking on the John Locke operation the Ward business made a small loss overall and it took another year for the John Locke operation itself to get into the black. Now Ward expects to treble the present output of 2,500 pairs a year by 1991.

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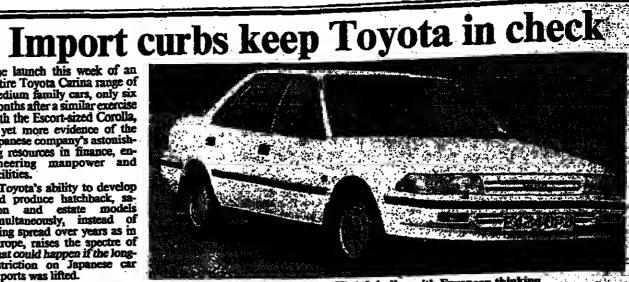
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two engine options — 1.6 and 2-litre fuel injected. Both are "16 valvers", but in keeping with their family transport role have been tuned for low to medium speed torque and fuel economy. I recently drove all three

variants over appallingly diffi-cult roads in the Rhone Val-ley. The estate — which is only being imported as a 1.6 to compliment the larger 2-litre

poor handling. The model holding and quietness which now being replaced was a show the most significant impressive, followed by the different animal. The first improvements. There are only four-door saloon and five insists on calling a lift back.

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Peugeot 309 GRD I was approached by drivers of similar models eager to swap notes. One was allocated the diesel by his company against his wishes. He was "astonished" by its power and smoothness. The other was on his third privately purchased diesel, "I change them every to buy them," he said.

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three door, rising to £8,895 for the five-door SRD. The mid-range 5-door GRD on test costs £8,390, plus an extra £340 for power steering and £250 for central locking. None of the diesels has power steering as standard, although in my view it is essential with so much engine weight on the front wheels.

Vital statistics: Model: Peugeot 309 GRD Price: £8,390

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(b) other key witnesses, Mr

Ward in particular, were unwill-ing to give evidence theo hut

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(c) certain evidence to be given came from sources of doubtful

veracity, the evidence as a whole

was inevitably selective (since the panel had no power of

none of it could be properly, if at

all, be tested by cross-

(d) in the circumstances there

was insufficiently reliable evi-dence from which inferences

(ii) Guinness had been given

As for the decision it was said

that it was not a proper and just

decisioo because of inter alia.

those matters and the panel's

refusal to disclose relevant

correspondence passing be-tween it and the Department of

The decision that Guinness

had infringed rule 11(1) was

expressed by the panel chairman as follows: "The panel takes the

view that there is no doubt that Guiocess and Pipetec, as a subsidiary of Bank Leu, were

acting in concert and that it would be contrary to reality to defer such a decision on the ground that it was premature.

he panel did not consider such

a finding would be unfair to Guinness; it did, however, coo-

sider that in defer it could well be unfair to Distillers sharehold-

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give evidence on that date;

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Trade and Industry.

to adjourn until publication of the inspectors' report or evi-

dence of relevant witnesses heard by them had been made

Mr Buckley had sought to

bstance. There was a good

sweep away that point by assert-

ing that it was a time point of no

himself had demonstrated by

the breadth of his submissions.

On the refusal to adjourn, Mr

Oliver maintained it was plainly

unreasonable and unfair. It

placed Guinness in an unenvi-

able and embarrassing position.

They had no evidence of their

own to tender to the panel or

anyone cisc. The only persons with the power to compel

evidence to be given to them

were the inspectors whose work was incomplete but who, when

compiling their report, might have provided invaluable

information to Guinness which

could have the effect of revers-

Mr Buckley had contended that the panel had considered

the unavailability of witnesses

and the unfairness, if any, that

would have inflicted on

Guinness. The panel had taken account of the sources and

nature of the evidence available

and assessed the reliability and adequacy of it. In his affidavit

and draft reasons the chairman showed that the panel was mindful of all the argumeots

It was accepted on behalf of

the panel that the hearing was unusual. The panel had felt impelled to hold it in the

interests of shareholders who, as

a class, were always their con-

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deciding in August 1987 to go ahead with the hearing of the issue as to whether there had

been a concert party. There was

clear merit in the arguments for

His Lordship's miod had gone

one way and the other at times when coosidering this part of the

judgment but be was finally of

the view that there had been

nothing irrational nor otherwise

unreasonable about the panel's

refusal to adjourn. The panel had weighed in the balance all

the proper considerations

including the kind and scope of

the available evidence and ap-proached the appreciation of them with the right legal prin-ciples in mind.

The concert party issue had inevitably to be resolved. His

Lordship could not say that the court was entitled to interfere

with the refusal to adjourn the

resolution of that issue to some

indeterminate time in the fu-

After due consideration, his

Lordship did not believe that

Guinness, the criticism be had made of the panel as to the

limited adjournment excepted,

had been denied their undeni-

There had been no procedural

impropriety and there had been

sufficient evidence to allow the

panel to decide as they did

having drawn a oumber of

The court had not been called

upon to say, and his Lordship

did not, that the decision the panel had reached was correct

for that was oot an appeal

against that decision. His Lord-

ship would dismiss the applica-

Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Lord Justice Russell and Mr

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Lack of consideration to Guinness not sufficient to amount to unfairness Regina v Panel on Take-overs and Mergers, Ex parte Stood at 660p and the Guinness offer at 630p per share. Neither company was then permitted to purchase Distillers shares for sale above the respective cash Before Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Tudor Evans [Judgment March 29]

There had been a lack of consideration in the decision of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers in refusing a limited adjournment to Guinness pic on August 25, 1987 but that had not been such as would amount to unfarmess and, therefore, a breach of natural justice.

There had been no procedural impropriety in the decision of the panel on September 2, 1987 that Guinness had infringed rule 11 of the City Code on Take-overs and there had been sufficient evidence to allow the panel to come to its conclusion. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so beld in a reserved judgment on an application for judicial review by Guinness plc of two decisions of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers: (i) on August 25, 1987, that the panel would proceed to hear allegations that the applicants had infringed rule II of the code, and (ii) on September 2, 1937, that they had infringed that rule, and seeking a declaration that those decisions were rufait and unleaful. unfair and unlawful.

Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the applicants; Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Mr Paul Walker for the respon-

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that early in 1986 Distillers Company pic were the subject of competing take-over bids from Argyle Group pic and Guinness pic. The rivalry between those companies was intense and well-

Bradley v Eagle Star Insur-

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord

An action in respect of personal

injuries could not be brought against the alleged tortfeasor's insurers under the Third Parties

(Rights against Insurers) Act

1930 until the tortfeasor's liabil-

ity to the injured person had been established.

feasor was a company which

had been dissolved before any

liability had been established and which could not be restored

to the register, no action could he against the insurers.

dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Doris Bradley, from Mr Justice Macpherson

who in chambers on April 9,

1987 had allowed an appeal by

the defendant insurers. Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd, from the

district registrar, who had granted the plaintiff's applica-

tion under section 33(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 for

insurance policies in respect of the liabilities of the plaintiff's former employer, Dart Mill Ltd,

1976. The plaintiff claimed that she suffered from byssinosis

caused, by the negligence or breach of statutory duty of her

Mr David Allan for the plaintiff; Mr Stephen Grime,

LORD JUSTICE STAUGH-TON said that the plaintiff

could only succeed on her application for discovery if she

could show that she had a

former employer.

QC, for the insurers.

The Court of Appeal so held,

Where, therefore, the tort-

By mid-April the Argyle cash

ance Co Ltd

Justice Staughton

[Judgment March 25]

sale above the respective cash alternative offers without Argyle or Guinness offering all other shareholders in Distillers the equivalent of the highest price paid for a share as a cash

On April 17, 1986 Warburg Mercury Investment Management put on the market about 10.6 million shares in Distillers They were bought for Pipetec AG, a wholly owned subsidiary of a Swiss investment bank, Bank Len AG, for 705p per share. On that day Samuel Montagu & Co Ltd, advisers to Argyle, informed the panel that Cazenove and Co, brokers to Guinness, had purchased the shares for £7 per share.

Inquiries were made by the Panel and Pipeter's managing director, a Dr Frey, denied any connection with Guinness, Distillers or Argyle, Neverthe-less, the panel executive sought and received an assurance from a Mr Seelig a director of Morgan Grenfell, bankers to Guioness, that there were no arrangements which might be interpreted as suggesting that Guinness and Pipetec were act-

By the end of the year there were rumblings in the City that all was not well with the manner of the Guinness take-over of Distillers and with much else at

ing in concert.

On December 1, 1986 inspectors were appointed under sec-tions 432 and 442 of the Companies Act 1985 to inquire into and report upoo the affairs

Insurers cannot be sued where no

liability exists against client

reasonable prospect of succeeding in a claim against the insurers under the 1930 Act.

The insurers accepted that, if the plaintiff's condition had

been caused by her former

employer's negligence or breach of duty, any rights which the employer might have had against them in respect of its liability to the plaintiff had been transferred to the plaintiff by

section 1 of the 1930 Act. The

question was whether there were any such rights.

that all that the employer had

had had been a contingent right to claim against the insurers if

and when its liability to the plaintiff had been established;

since that contingency could no longer be fulfilled, that right was of no value to the plaintiff.

In his Lordship's judgment the court was bound by the second ground of the Court of Appeal's decision in Post Office

Appears a decision in Fost Office v Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd (1967) 2 QB 363) to hold that the rights which the 1930 Act had transferred to the

plaintiff did not include the

right to suc and recover judg-

ment from the insurers, because

the employer had never had that

right, it having never been held liable to the plaintiff.

the second ground in the Post Office case was inconsistent with

the court's earlier decision in

Hood's Trustees v Southern

Union General Insurance Com-pany of Australasia ([1928] 1 Ch 793). In his Lordship's judg-

ment there was oo such in-

consistency, as was clear from Lord Denning's explanation of

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD,

concurring, said that he had no

Hood in the Post Office case

The plaintiff had argued that

The insurers had contended

The shareholders were informed that a number of serious disclosures had been made to the board, in particular that substantial purchases of both Guinness and Distillers shares an application for an adjourn-ment having been refused. After had been made by wholly-owned subsidiaries of Bank Leu fringed rule 11 of the code.

The consquences of a finding AG oo the strength of Guioness's agreement, signed by Mr Ward or Mr Roux, to repurchase the shares - an agreement which, at least as regarded its own shares, Guinness could not lawfully have fulfilled.

That led to the disclosure to Guinness sooo afterwards of a document known as the Pipeteo letter. That was dated April 18, 1986 and was addressed to Mr Thomas Ward, a director of Guinness, and signed by a Dr F. Burger on behalf of Pipetec. It purported to set out the agreement between Guinness and Pipetec to purchase the Distill-

On May 11, 1987 the panel became a designated authority by the Financial Services (Disclosure of Information (Designated Authorities No 2) Order (SI 1987 No 859) and that enabled the Department of Trade and Industry to provide it with a copy of the Pipetec letter and to state that the inspectors had not received evidence to contradict its contents.

The panel executive had pre-viously informed Guinness that it would await the outcome of the inspectors' inquiries before publishing any of its findings or dgments. On June 17, 1987 it told Guinness that it had changed its mind.

At the beginning of July 1987 the executive wrote to Guinness's solicitors that a panel hearing was likely. On July 31, 1987 it told them to be prepared for a panel hearing on

doubt that the Post Office case had been correctly decided. The

injustice which it was suggested flowed from that decision was not the injustice at which the 1930 Act had been directed. If

there were a further injustice to

be corrected that would require

LORD JUSTICE PUR-

CHAS, concurring, said that had the employer still been in exis-

tence or replaceable on the register under section 651 of the

Companies Act 1985, the plain-

tiff would probably have been entitled to pursue her claim and

have been entitled to discovery.

was whether assistance could be

derived from the 1930 Act where the insured had ceased to exist before his liability had been determined. Where the insured was an individual, the

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 provided

that an action could be carried

His Lordship felt considerable

on against the estate of deceased tortiessor.

two were not the same.

tortfeasor no longer existed.

The question starkly raised

further legislation.

Despite objections, the hear-(a) there was no power to

hearing evidence the panel found that Guinness had in-

of breach of rule 11(1) had been heavily impressed on the panel. They were said to be that to compensate shareholders Guinness would have to pay something in the region of £100

In addition, in litigation with Argyle, they might be ordered to pay, as unliquidated damages, a sum very much in excess of that. It was argued that that if Guinness were called upon now to compensate shareholders and the panel was found afterwards to be wrong in finding a breach of rule 11(1) it would be impossible to recover much, if any, of the compensation paid.

The court had received no direct evidence that shareholders were seeking compensation
and that they had been made
aware of an undertaking hy
Guinness to pay compensatioo
if they were held to have
breached rule 11(1).

Various grounds had been advanced by Gninness that the holding of the inquiry was unfair and unlawful because it inevitably meant that an inquiry on September 2 could not be conducted so as to ensure 1 a proper and just determ-

2 that Guinness would be treated fairly and/or in ac-cordance with natural justice

ination of the issue

(i) at the time the panel would not be in a position to determine whether Guinness in taking over Distillers had been acting in concert with others contrary to rule 11(1) in that

Drugs case contempt move is civil

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchison [Judgment March 25] Where a person's property was

subject to a restraint order under section 8 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 and a charging order under section 9 of the Act, an application to commit the nector for tion to commit the person for contempt of court was a proceeding for breach of an order made in civil proceedings, and was therefore not within Order 52, rule 1(2)(a)(ii) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and should not have been brought before the Divisional Court.

The Queen's Bench Di-Court so held in dismissing an ex parte applica-tion for an order of committal in

Mr Guy Sankey for the Commissioners of Customs and Excise

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that the orders under sections 8 and 9 of the 1986 Act were made under Order 115, rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

sympathy for the plaintiff, to whom it must seem that her case was being distinguished for quite arbitrary reasons. How-ever, the court was bound by the the application was made by originating motion and it seemed to his Lordship that the had not transferred the tort-feasor's liability to the insurers, committal proceeding was for but had merely transferred to the plaintiff the tortfeasor's breach of an order made in civil proceedings, albeit closely conrights against the insurers; the nected to criminal proceedings.

The application was therefore not within Order 52, rule 1(2)(a)(ü), which applied to contempts in connection with criminal proceedings, and did Unlike the 1934 Act, the 1930 Act did not provide for an action to be brought where the not need to be brought before the Divisional Court. Solicitors: John Pickering, Oldham; T. Uosworth,

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

ers, with whose interests the erably more difficulty in coming to a conclusion upon the

revoke a deportation order Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce [Judgment March 18]

An alien woman admitted here io a temporary capacity did not become immune from deporta-tion, by virtue of rule 124 of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 169), when she married a British citizen settled here.

The Court of Appeal in a reserved judgment dismissed an appeal by Claudia O'Shea from the refusal by Mr Justice Mann of an application for judicial review of an order for deporta-tion made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Section 1(5) of the Immigra-tion Act 1971 provides: "The rules shall be so framed that Commonwealth citizens settled in the United Kingdom at the coming into force of this Act and their wives and children are not, hy virtue of anything in the rules, any less free to come into and go from the United King-dom than if this Act had not been passed."

Section 5(1) provides: "A By reason of Order 5, rule 5 deportation order against a per-son shall invalidate any leave lo enter or remain in the United Kingdom given him before the order is made or while it is in force.

Rule 124 of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 169) provides: "A woman admitted in a temporary capacity who marries a man settled here should on application be given indefinite leave to re-

Rule 171 provides."... all applications for revocation will be carefully considered when

Marriage in UK no bar to deportation exceptional circumstances the Secretary of State will oot deportation order. The secretary of state refused the application.

> which has been in force for less than three years." Mr Ishmael Kumi for the applicant; Mr David Pannick

> cludes the existence of a concert

It was Guinness's primary

quired that the hearing of the

complaint against them should have been adjourned until after

the publication of the inspec-tors' report or until all available

witnesses had been interviewed

by them and made available to

The charge of unfairness ran

like a thread through the hear-

ings in August and September. It

was perhaps ironic, therefore,

that very recently in R v Panel

on Take-overs and Mergers, Exparte Datafin plc ([1987] QB 815) Sir John Donaldson, Mas-

only circumstances in which I

would anticipate the use of the

remedies of certiorari and mandamus would be in the event, which I hope is unthink-

able, of the panel acting in

breach of the rules of natural

His Lordship turned first to

what was called the limited

adjournment point. Granting or

refusing an adjournment was very much a matter of discretion

for a judge or tribunal such as

If his Lordship had been able

to conclude that a short adjournment would have done tellingly more to allow Guinness

to prepare a better presentation of their case in the time allowed

for that, he would not have hesitated to say that there was

uofairness - a breach of natural justice. His Lordship fouod lack

of consideration but that did not

amount to a breach of natural

His Lordship had had consid-

justice - in other words un-

ter of the Rolls, had said:

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for the secretary of state. SIR ROUALEYN CUM-MING-BRUCE said that the applicant, a Colombian nationarrived in the UK in 1982.

She was given leave to enter and remain for one mooth. She did oot leave at the end of that period, did not apply for an extension of stay, but left her home without informing the Home Office. In 1983 the secretary of state

decided to make a deportation order against her but could not serve notice of the decision as the applicant could not be

In 1985 the applicant married James Patrick O'Shea, a British citizen settled in the UK. She

The applicant sought judicial review of that decisioo and the judge refused the application. Mr Kumi submitted that rule 124 imposed oo the secretary of

state a mandatory duty wheo administering the Act to give the applicant indefinite leave to maio after the marriage.

Relying upon R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Huseyin (The Times October 31, 1987) he said that the rule overrode the Act as it was intended to control the practice to be followed in the administration of the Act. In that case the Court of

Appeal followed its decisioo in R v Immigration Appeal Tri-bunal, Ex parte Ruhul ([1987] 1 WLR 1538), when it held that section 1(5) of the 1971 Act imposed (i) a mandatory obliga-

soos to whom section 2(2) of the Commonwealth Immigraous leave to enter and to give them equivalent protectioo, and (ii) a negative obligation oo him not in derogate from those rights in framing oew rules.

In his Lordship's view, section 5(1) of the 1971 Act had the effect of invalidating the leave to enter or remaio given to the applicant oo eotry.

The applicant had no rights under the 1962 Act. In coming to his decision the secretary of state had had regard to guidance given by rule 171 of HC 169. Rule 124 was not material because the applicant as an alien had oo statutory rights which it was the duty of the secretary of state to protect.

Lord Justice Staughtoo and Lord Justice Slade delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Borm-Reid & Co;

Treasury Solicitor.

Judge's power to hold case in public Regina v Central Criminal brought by the Director of Court, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions to quash the decision of Mr Justice Owen There were no statutory

special procedural material had the power to determine whether the hearing should be in chambers or io open court. It was a matter for the judge' discretion in the light of submissions made before him having regard to the peculiar facts of the case before

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchisoo) so beld oo March 30 when refusing an application

A circuit judge or a High Court judge hearing an application for access to excluded material or to Mr Andreas Whittam-Smith Editor of *The Independent*, made under section 9 of and Schedule 1 to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, be heard in open court.

> LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that the order applied for before the learned judge was for disclosure of the source who provided a document in the newspaper's possession relating to a meeting of an international

There were no statutory restrictions requiring the judge to sit in chambers and the judge had the power to determine application in open court. There was no trace of unreasonableness io the judge's approach to the matter.

Correction

In R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Singh (The Times March 28) it should have been made clear that orither Mr K. S. Nathan, QC, nor Mr George Warr appeared for Mr Singh in the court below.

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Promoting inspiration in the ranks

Alan Davies did after becoming the latest in a line of England coaches which has been augoted far too rapidly over the last three years, was to telephone one of his predecessors. Martin Green.

Since 1985, when Richard Greenwood announced that he would not be available to tour New Zealand with England, coaching personnel have come and gone like actors in u French farce. Green took over with Brian Asbton as his assistant; then Ashton withdrew and Des Seabrook emerged. Since the World Cup last year both Green and Seabrook have retrealed to the wings and Geoff Cooke and Roger Uttley have taken over the preparation of the national

Now Uttley has left the stage — possibly temporarily — and Cooke's role as manager of the forthcoming Eugland tour to Australia will not allow him time for coaching, bence The appointment of Davies and David Robinson, who have enjoyed such success this season with Eu-

Part of that success has been the ability of Davies to draw upon the experience of others, including the players with whom he is associated; hence his eagerness to contact Green, who knows Australian conditious after his World Cup experience last year.

Davies was preparing his Treut College side for the national schools College side for the national schools sevens when the coaching uppointments were announced. "I'll lose my joh if the side doesn't get through to the second day," he said. It was u joke: Davies, aged 43, has been delighted and relieved by the support he has had from the school where he has been a staff member for the last 13 years.

"The first thing the head did was suggest ways in which I could tailor my job [as head of the school's PE centre and n mathematics leacher[so as to find time for the tour. And the boys have been great, they're really chuffed about it."

Davies's appointment, and that of Robinson, aged 44, a Cockermouth farmer, brings a wealth of common sense and hard-won experience to the coaching roles. Neither played international ragby, although Robinson toured the Far East with England in 1971 — but then, neither Alan Jones nor bis assistant, Alec Evans, represented Australia, and their success with the Wallabies over the last three years has been unparallelled.

Davies, whose family is from Ynysybwl and who joined the RAF before going to Loughorough University as a mature student, played stand-off half or centre for Nottingham, whom he then coached



Davies: shrewd psychologist

for nearly 10 years. He took over the Midland divisional side from Green before his appointment last season to the B team. Robinson played for Carlisle and Birkenhead Park before seven fruitful years, alongside Uttley, in Gosforth's back row, he played in two cup-winning sides, in 1976 and 1977, and took Gosforth back to Twickenham in his one year as club coach, in 1981.

Neither has visited Australia before, but Davies has kept in touch with Steve Holdstock, the Nottingham wing who moved there two years ago and who now plays for Manly alongside Clive Woodward, the former Leicester and England centre. "I shall get in touch with Steve and Clive before we leave, but I honestly believe we tend to underrate ourselves in this country, particularly our backs," he said.

"Steve has told me he introduced Manly to some of the things we had been doing at Nottingham for years and they hadn't seen anything like them. And be turned out to be their top try-scorer in his first season. What I hope we can do is turn out an integrated side, forwards and backs. I'm sure we have the forwards to do well in Australia and England showed against Ireland that the backs can play, although I'm des-perately sorry that Halliday and Oti won't be coming with us."

avies has a shrewd psychological approach, exemplified by his de-cision before the B international against France in January to ask his players which they thought was the best rucking side in the world. Predictably they said New Zealand. So he showed them film of the Bledisloe Cup match last summer between Austra-tia and New Zealand, in which the All Blacks set up a ruck on their centre and, thanks to a touch kick from Fox, the stand-off, achieved a net gain of five metres.

Another example showed New Zealand doing the same thing, with the result that their centre had a drop-kick ut goal charged down.

Then Davies showed the players film of the England B side in the trial this season, setting up ruck ball and then bringing in Barley for a switch with Andrew which brought a

"Now who's the best rucking side?" he asked. It was a confidence trick, of course, but a sense of selfidence has been the hallmark of the B team throughout this season. Robinson, too, has played an important if self-effacing part: he was a stand-off or centre at school and colts level, then played prop before Cumberland invited him to play flanker, then an unfamiliar position. "I was too small to batter my way through people so I tried to beat them, and when I tackled them, I tried to make sure I also got the ball. That's an area where I hope I can offer something," he said.

Nothing has yet been decided about the length of the present coaching appointments. Robinson may find it difficult to give more time than he already has as the North's divisional coach; Uttley, clearly, has only limited time at his disposal away from his teaching post at Harrow.

For Davies, however, this is the culmination of a more structured coaching career and if there is to be continuity until the 1991 World Cup, success for him in Australia could have far-reaching effects.

A month still to go but | Glum tuxedo function everything is quiet on the western front

RUGBY UNION

By Gerald Davies

limp and featureless took about them; matches postponed from

a once more meaningful part of the season have now to be fulfilled with little hanging on the result. Others have been

So, what could be said of a week in which Cardiff played New-port and hardly anybody knew (and fewer still seemed to have cared), and Neath scored 57 points against Llanclli, the team they meet in a cup final which is expected to draw the higgest erowd ever for the occasion. Admittedly, the silly season, as annually interpreted, is still quite some way off, But in Welsh rughy terms this ten-dency has an increasing habit of stealing a march on the rest of the country. It comes around

The main business for the winter is over, but there are five weeks still to go before the session comes to an end. While there remains a good deal of fluttering about the remaining fixtures, no one thinks them consequential.

As with Any Other Business, people are already chaltering about other things and probably thinking of their lunches. New Zealand, the main course, is already in the mind, and there are fingers crossed, with a change of menu, for the sum-mer's cricket and Glamorgan's centenary year.

Looking to the future

England will play a first inter-national at under-21 level next year, when they meet Romania in a curtain-raiser to the senior international between the two countries in Bucharest (David Hands writes). The game will be played on May 13, 1989, and England also plan a three-match B tour to Spain later that month.

The nuder-21 concept already flonrishes in Scotland and Wales hat is in its infancy in England. This is the first season of a full county championship at this age, the final of which will precede the John Player Special Cup final at Twickenham on

A divisional championship is also planned for the end of this season, from which the best players will be chosen to go forward to the RFU's summer school at Trent College. "This is

arranged to take advantage of the tight evenings and to ensure that everyone has had his fill, not to say his money's worth, come closing time. This is the humdrum time; time for candy-floss rugby. Not that there is anything wrong with candy floss. But you cannot take too much of it at any one time. Large, fluffy, shapeless and ultimately cloying, it is not something that can be taken seriously. Not that rugby should always be taken seriously, if at

always be taken seriously, if at all. But there is an imbalance at the Welsh season's end. After all the intense bitter and

sweet times that have gone before, April is a gruelling month of winding down, of unnecessary commitment which gives the feeling, as the crowds dwindle, that rugby has outstaged its welcome. The bright players, if they so wish, will have taken themselves off elsewhere. The lucky ones will

representative games and under-21 matches," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical admin-

It remains to be decided how

the national under-21 team and the Combined English Students, team will be run, in parallel or

overlapping. Student teams, of course, can include players older

than 21 hnt to a degree their interests remain the same. The

under-21 side is, bowever, n direct link between the England

colts and the higher repre-

England's talest representative

infant as primarily for players no longer in full-time education with both under-21 and student

XVs feeding directly into the

It may be worth considering

If, being an amateur game, it was designed for the players, then does a player want to play so often against the same team? This may not be the exception which proves the point, but it based round the five nations' does convey the mood against tournament and the develop-ment of B matches, student

have accepted invitations to

Hong Kong, Bermuda, Monte Carlo and Sydney.

A structured league, given

time, would retain a measure of interest throughout this period.

This will become increasingly so in England and will ultimately take its toll on Welsh rugby's

We want to choose who we want to play, the independent, though not moving, spirit claims among the senior clubs. On Monday, Cardiff played Newport for the fourth time this

season, just as they did in the old days. But on the day after the Welsh party to go to New

Zealand was announced, the Western Moil relegated the

match report to a minor pos-ition on an inside page.

In whose interest was the fixture arranged? Perbaps it was satisfying the whim of the clubs,

who want to show that they play

whoever they wish. If it was a game held over from a previous

year - an obligation to fulfil and so improve the balance sheet -

then it can hardly be said to have succeeded. The crowd was

fixture lists.

Pressure, the catcb-all excuse, would prove too much if a league structure were to be introduced, so the none-toopersuasive argument lingers. But that, as the players could point Out, is far preferable to the labouring, deadweight of replaying the same fixture or having too many meaningless ones.

And how meaningful was Tuesday night's game between Lianelli and Neath. In this instance a hig crowd did turn up. hut the players did not. At least not those who give a rec-ognizable shape to the respec-tive teams. Neath had retained only eight and Llanelli six of those who played the previous Saturday. This was the third occasion they had met this season; the cup final will be the

Welsh flair should thrive

Australia, delighted with their success in the Cathay Pacitic/Hong Kong Bank sevens last weekend, turn their attention to their own hicentennial sevens tournament at Concord Oval, Sydney, this weekend. They have kept the same sevens party and will hope the Sydney public. despite the presence in the city of the Princess Royal, with of the Princess Royal, with descend on the Western Suburbs

Scotland and Wales should both make an impact. Scotland because of their traditional skill at sevens. Wales because their natural flair receives full ex-pression in the space granted by the ahhreviated game. The Welsh have had to make two amendments to their original squad — Webbe and Hall (both Beidend) have resteed Wiell Bridgend) have replaced Wintle (London Welsh) and Clement

(Swansea) - hut they should still accompany New Zealand through from group A, where the other competition comes from Western Samoa and Hong Kong.

The Scots are in the same group as Australia and will put much faith in Ker's ability as a such faith in Ker's anilty as a sevens exponent. They should have too much in hand for Japan and Spain and ought to go forward with the host country to the quarter-finals.

It is a chilling thought for Australia's leading players that to of 19 weekends up to the end of July will be taken up with representative rugby. This in-cludes the sevens tournament, five internationals plus a game against the Rest of the World, and the Pacific Cup, There is far

istrators must guard against the same thing happening here. We are, after all, talking about

amateur rugby players, most of whom have full-time jobs. International rugby must remain a prize to be cherished, while leading players should not be divorced so entirely from their clubs that, when they return, they appear as strangers.

David Campese, the Australian wing, is one of the few players who have so far stated publicly they would be willing to join the proposed World party to tour South Africa. However, in view of the numbers who signed a declaration of intent last year, before a proposed Australian tour to South Africa was aborted, it must be assumed that Australia remains a fruitful recruiting ground for the or-ganizers of the World XV.

Worcester enjoy fruitful season Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Without wishing to denegrate

the most consistently successful schools, who predictably claim much of the publicity, it is pleasant to record the achievements of lesser known

The hectic sevens season came to a climax with the Oxford tournament, which was won hy King's, Macclesfield, who beat King's, Worcester 16-4 in the final, having disposed of John Fisher and Millfield en

lt was Worcester's most successful sevens season. They won the Solihull and Worcester floodlit competitions, and were beaten finalists in two other tournaments. Their first XV also had a good season, winning invited to represent the presi

46 and losing four matches, with 371 points scored to 118 con-ceded, though their seconds did even better: 20 wins from 20 matches and a points record of

The Mount St Mary's master-in-charge. Ged Glynn, the for-mer Orrell and Cheshire standoff, was quietly confident that his seven would surprise some more fancied teams, but their 12-6 victory over the holders, Millfield, in the final of the Rosslyn Park open competition, may perhaps have surprised even him. The greatest compliment was subsequently paid to Mount St Mary's, when four of their team — Constantine, Reed, Walsh and Jonah — were

dent's seven in the world schools' sevens immediately after the Rosslyn Park event, though Jonah was unable to accept the invitation.

Dundee HS have 20 wins from 21 games to their credit, their latest success being a comfortable victory over Brentwood Cottege School from Brit-ish Columbia. The only side to beat them this winter was Berwickshire HS back to

Llandovery College finished the season with 16 wins from 18 matches, scoring 460 points to 109 conceded and losing only to Christ College, Brecon and Millfield. Evans, Lewis and Glover contributed considerably to their success.



With such serious money involved, the million (about £54 million). Tyson's world heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson percentage is expected to earn him close to world heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson (left), and his next challenger, Michael Spinks, were understandably in thoughtful mood at the Press conference to announce their coutest in Atlantic City on June 27. The bout, which will be seen on closed-

\$20 million with Spinks's share about \$7 million less. Spinks, a clear winner of the best-dressed-man contest, is, like the champion, unbeaten, and has 21 knockout wins to his credit. He said: "It will be a nervous circuit and pay-per-view television, is likely night for me but this is a fight that must to gross between \$70 million and \$100 happen. I think the public wants it."

Tate passed stringent tests

Bethnal Green on Wednesday, in which he suffered only the third defeat of his career, was in danger of leaving the country without his purse money.

John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control Board, said yesterday that he had seriously considered witholding Tate's fee following a heated protest from the American's corner at the end of the eighth round to the referee,
Dave Parris, when Tale accused
Quarless of ittegat use of the
thumh — for the third time.

"I'd had enough," Morris

Lumbering John Tate, who said. "I couldn't see anything was ill-advised to make a come-scaled more than 20st for his wrong and the referee was right contest with Noet Quarless at not to act. So I went to the battle against cocaine addiction. wrong and the referee was right not to act. So I went to the corner and warned them that if they did not stop, I would stop their money."

Tate, aged 33, and a grotesque caricature of the man who once held the greatest prize in the sport, lost by just half a point over 10 rounds. However, despite the closeness of the decision, many thought he should not have been in the ring.

Quarless, 4st 4lb lighter and eight years younger, hailed the fact that he had inflicted a rare defeat on Tate but the contest suggested rather that hy losing to man he would surely have destroyed four years ago. Tate OK."

boxing is entirely up to him. I saw him afterwards and he was

Foreign interest at Birmingham

weekend for 300 competitors competitors, and the fiercest from all over Britain at the competition is in the men's foil Birmingham international tournament, with an increase in British entries for all weapons and the largest contingent of overseas entries for the event since 1982 (Leslie Drennan writes).

Hark and a six-man team from hark and a six-man team from and the largest contingent of seed. Donnie McKenzie, from Meadowbank. Top epe seeds will be Hugh Kernohan and Mike Corish, both from London British entries for all weapons since 1982 (Leslie Drennan writes).

section, which includes four junior champions from Den-mark and a six-man team from

SHOOTING

British teams on target

competitors made a good start to their Australian tour at Mackay, Queensland, when both the men's and women's teams had victories over North Queensland yesterday (Leslie Howcroft writes).

The men, divided into two teams of 10, scored 1.936 out of a possible 2.000, over distances ranging from 300 yards to 800 metres. The tie was decided on V-buils like small central target area) with Ted Molyneux's vice-captain's team finishing with 151 shots in the dead centre against 142 by the captain's team.

The Great Britain women's late Great Britain women's team of six beat North Queens-land women by 22 points with Jane Messer, of Sussex, achiev-ing the highest individual score of 198, level with Andrew Tucker, of Surrey, who topped the men's section.

RESULTS: Teams of 10 (300, 600, 700 yards and 800 motres): 1. GB vice-capten's team, 1,936 (151): 2. GB capten's team, 1,936 (142): 3. North Queensland, 1,915 (122); GB individual: A Tucker, 198; C Cunningham, 197; J Wartsurton, 197. Teams of 6: 1, GB women, 1,139 (J Messer, 198); 2, North Queensland women, 1,117. Individual segregate (500, 600 and 700 yards) 1, J. Behinger (Surrey), 150.1. Women's aggregate: B Moore (Suffolk), 146.

ctubs, who will meet Argentin-ian, Portugese and Austrian

Morris said that Tate had

been given the go-ahead only after the most detailed physical examination. "He had a skult X-

ray, brain scan and a special check from the chief medical officer. All his documents were

in order, including his medical papers. There is no way he would have been allowed into the ring if he had not been fit

enough. He lasted the 10 rounds

well, he entertained and the

crowd seemed to enjoy it. Whether he should continue

Sabre entries have seen the highest increase this year - 25 per cent - and include those of Norman Miltigan, from Cardiff, the 1937 Welsh open champion, and Paul Greening, from Salle: Romanov, who are top seeds.

Cambridge v Darlington (7.45) ... Colchester v Halifax Crewe v Hereford

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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CLUB MATCHES: Abstravon v Northampton (6.30); Birkenheed Park v Waspa (7.15); Camborne v Bedioro (3.0); Penarth v President's XV (3.30); Sale v Valle of Lune (3.0); Beth Old Edwardians v Sthemans (11.0); Havant v Derby (3.30); Walsati v Stroud (5.30). Barclays League First division Wattord v QPR (3.0) Second division Oldham v Blackburn (12.0) **RUGBY LEAGUE** Third division Southend v Wigan (7.45) . Fourth division

Newcastel.

DIVING: European Cup (at Edinburgh).

EQUESTRIANISM: Lincoln horse trials.

MOTOR SPORT: British open Lally champlonship: Circuit of Ireland.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens victory will settle any leadership claims

The first division Stones Bitter championship could virtually be decided this afternoon at Knowsley Road and Wilderspool. If St Helens beat Wigan and Warrington topple Widnes, then few wilt argue the claims of the Saints to be regarded as champions-elect. There are several matches to go, but once St eral matches to go, but once St Helens hit the top of the table they will take some catching, with the Easter Monday match at Widnes the possible elincher. Wigan will do their best to improve their own slim chances of retaining the championship by beating their deadly rivals, and they give the former Fylde and England B winger, Mark Preston, a notable senior debut.

Warrington always produced top form in their derby matches against Widnes, and after the 28-2 thrashing which the leaders suffered at Wigan last Sunday. Widnes supporters must fear the Widnes supporters must fear the worst today.

worst today.

A tired and bruised set of Halifax players entertain Castleford today after their mammoth exertions against Hall. Castleford refused to postpone the fixture, understandably, and Eadie, who left the field during the thrilling 4-3 win over Hull at Elland Road, will certainly be missing, while others maybe rested. The Halifax coach, Chris Anderson,

wants to keep a winning mo-mentum and go for the premier-ship, but his weary side may find the challenge a little too

much.

Another derby game of vital importance brings Leeds and Bradford Northers into contention nt Headingley, with both battling for a top four place. The games at Halifax and Leeds kick off at 7.30 p.m. In the second division Oldham, who visit Rochdale, and Wakefield Trinity, who are nt home to York, should take a step nearer promotion. The other leading promotion contenders promotion contenders
Featherstone Rovers play on
Sunday at home to Batley.

 Halifax yesterday confirmed their choice of a new coaching team to replace Cliff Anderson, who is returning to Australia after the Wembley Cup final against Wigan.

Ross Strudwick, coach of the successful Brisbane club Valleys and Brothers, and a former player with Sydney St George, will be full-time team manager. Graham Eadi, the Australian international full back, will be

Strudwick is also being nomi-nated by Halifax for the new post of youth rugby league development officer to be ap-pointed by Calderdale Council.

Rugby League diary

Choice of Hanley to lead in balance

Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, will unveil his 26 players for the tour of Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand on Tuesday, Normally one or two surprises are expected, but now the only critical questions are the captaincy and the choice of wing men.

Ellery Hanley has hardly en-hanced his chances of retaining the captaincy after his dispute with Wigan. Although Hanley has returned to the Central Park fold, there are many within the game who feel his brilliance is outweighed by his penchant for turmoil - a characteristic not in keeping with the status and demeanour of a touring team

If Reilly changes his mind, there are few options open. The precocious Shaun Edwards, aged 21, whose elevation over Hanley as Wigan captain helped spark the latest upheaval, could spark the latest upheaval. again be in the firing line. Edwards is a remarkably mature young man, with an astute meby brain, but the jump from club captaincy to touring team and World Cup responsibilities might prove too much.

Garry Schofield, of Leeds, is a long-shot possibility. He is a gifted centre and has the right diplomacy off the field. However, Schofield's dressing-room gifted centre and has the right diplomacy off the field. However, Schofield's dressing-room personality may not be powerful enough, so Haoley's elaim is the last match and hundreds of likely to be rubber-stamped on Tuesday.

On the wings Reilly would appear to have five options for four places. They are Henderson Gill (Wigan), Phil Ford (Bradford Northern), Des Drum-

mond (Warrington). David Plange (Castleford) and Martin Offiah, the league's leading try scorer, Offiah perhaps lacks experience, but Reilly would risk criticism if he left out the 35-try winger and chose Plange from Castleford, his former eluh. An escape route may be the knee injury to Drummond, which will receive an examination before a decision is taken.

Reilly is likely to keep a place open for Lee Crooks, the Leeds forward and exerienced allrounder who is fighting to recover fitness after a long-term shoulder injury. Other prop contenders are Hugh Waddell (Oldham) and Kevin Ward (Castleford) with the favourites for the hooker position roles Kevin Beardmore (Castleford) and Paul Groves (St Helens).

and Paul Groves (St Helens).

Andy Gregory and Edwards are certain to be the first choice balf backs, with Paul Medley and Roy Powell (Leeds), Paul Dixon (Halifax) and Andy Goodway (Wigan) in the back row, Al full back, Steve Hampson, of Wigan, has no challengers, and could be supported by a utility player like lan

wilkinson, of Hahfax.

Rochdale Hornets are ready to bid a nostalgie farewell to supporters are ready to mark the occasion by walking to the ground in fancy dress.

Rochdale have debts of £340,000 and agreed to sell the complex to Wright Properties for £2.5 million.

been phenomenal," Gardner said, "hut at half-time I said we

had to be tougher and more

With Young subduing Irish, Fleming and Hill controlling the

back court. Collier a power-

house on the boards and Way

arms, everywhere.".

runners-up.

BASKETBALL

Pleasing the coaches some of the time

intense.

By Nicholas Harling Cunningham kept them in contention. "Their shooting had

For Joedy Gardner to have no truck with the officials, the circumstances must have been exceptional. And so they were at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre on Wednesday when MIM Livingston became the third of the season's honours winners in a gripping final of the Nat West Trophy.

Since Gardner, the coach of the Scottish club, is not nor-mally given to showing his emotions except where referees are concerned, he was unare concerned, he was un-characteristically reserved for a man savouring his first triumph in English basketball com-petition. "They were very even," he said of the officials, Peter Wright and Peter Knowles, after his team's 96-91 vicinity.

Wright, of course, was the man who had sent Portsmouth into the final with his controversal decision at Kingston on Saturday. But there is no pleasing some people att of the time. "He gave us nothing this time," Dan Lloyd, the Portsmouth coach alleged before deflecting the criticism. the criticism to his own team which had failed to capitalize on a tead, which had been extended to 10 points at half-time by the remarkable shot from the halfway line by Glass.

Glass and Irish, who had collected 40 points between them in the first half, hit only nine more as Portsmouth withed in the second half when only

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP; Nak-lax v Castelord; Hulk KR v Hulk (3.0); Leeds v Bradford; St Helers v Wigan (3.0); Swinton v Satlord (3.0); Wermgton v Widnes (3.0); Second division; Bistrow v Cartisle (2.30); Fullhern v Betley (3.0); Keighley v Hudderstekt: Rochdale v Oldharn (3.0); Springfield v Runcom (1.1.0); Wetaffield v Vork; Writighaven v Working-ton (3.30).

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Bradford: British Leegue: Onford v Coventry. Challenge: King's Lynn v Ipswich;
Ipswich v King's Lynn: Edinburgh v
Newcastie; Peterborough v Milton
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Essex v Eastbourns; Poole v Exeter.
Easter Triangle: Hackney v Mildenhall v
Tye House. SPORT ON TV

watching coach of Polycell Kingston, their opponents in the semi-final of the national championship play-offs next weekend, as well as Portsmouth that they are serious contenders, Gardner's

Gardner's temperament

BASKETBALL 1998; ITV 4 a.m. (tomor-row) Kentucky v Floride.

POOTBALL: BBC2 1.10 p.m.: Masestre: Profile of Bobby Creation — Footbeller. SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.05-4.10 p.m.: Motor Sport: First and second rounds of the Formula three champoonship from Thruston and Silverstone, Latest news from Sunday's Brastlem Grand Proc. Boding: WBC westerweight championship highigens from Wernbley. Rowing: News of Small preparations for the Bost Race. highlights from Wembley of final preparations for Golf: Preview of the

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shooting as never before, the coach certainly got his wish.
"Way was exceptional." Gardner said. "He was hitting shots even though he had Portsmouth's hands in his face, on his exercised." Victory was assured when Archibald sank a shot from almost as far out as the one from Glass to leave Lloyd anything hut a contented man. "You've gm to learn from this kind of junk. I'm fed up with losing games like this," said the man who had previously taken Portsmouth to their second successive Carlsberg Leagne title and the final of the National Cup. in which they finished Wembley, of course, still beckons but Murray have shown both Kevin Cadle, the

geness out of tussie nth Swedes Special Corresponder

Untold riches to be gleaned from half an hour on the road

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Bali

The debate on equal prize- Association of Road Runners try. It's not really a major (particularly miserly in tennis) will take an interesting turn if Liz McColgan wins the 10kilometre road race here on Sunday faster than her time of 30min 59sec, which is accepted in United States running circles as the world's best. For such a performance would net McColgan more than \$500,000 (about £265,000).

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That it is the fastest time is open to question, since Ingrid Kristiansen, the world crosscountry champion has run 30:43. But that was in a road relay in Copenhagen two years ago. And with that magnificent isolationism which Americans occasionally manifest, Kristiansen's time is not

This course has been duly certified. All it needs now is for McColgan to run 30:58; and the prime obstacle to that, all agree, is the weather. It is presently over 30° C, with up 10 100 per cent humidity.

McColgan won last year's inaugural race, sponsored by a local millionaire, in 31:57. Two weeks later, in cooler conditions in Florida, she ran her first "record" time of 31:07. Two months ago in the same race, in even cooler conditions, she improved that time to 30:59.

Unrepentant about missing the world cross-country championship last weekend. accepted, since it was not achieved on a "certified" course. Certified, that is, by Uncle Sam, in the guise of the course wanten potentially deprived in achieved on a "certified" medals, McColgan said yesterday: "I've got no regrets about missing the cross-coun-

Boston Marathon still the target for Jones

Steve Jones, Britain's fastest marathon runner, will run in the Newport 10-mile road race tomorrow, his final competition before leaving for the United States, where he runs in the Boston Marathon on April 18.

Jones has made a late de-Jones has made a late decision to run at Newport, to compensate for dropping out of the Flect half-marathon last Sunday. He flies out to the United States on Tuesday, competes in the Ekiden relay in New York on April 9, then in Boston nine days later.

His coach, Alan Warner, said yesterday he had no doubt Jones would run in Boston: "What caused him to drop out of the Fleet race is a bit of a mystery. He has had a couple of good training sessions since and as far

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North-east

final in

the offing

course to run in Boston." How well Jones runs there will determine whether he is selected to represent Britain at

the Seonl Olympics. • Steve Cram, despite suffering from a slight Achilles tendon problem, expects to run in the northern road relay champ-ionship at Silksworth, Sunderland, tomorrow, and then in the General Portfolio Newcastle General Portfolio Newcastie City road race, over \$5,000 metres, on Wednesday. Also scheduled to take part in that tace are Jack Buckner, the European \$5,000 metres champion, Mike McLeod, the Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal winner, and Dave Lewis, the former national cross country-champion. championship I could afford to miss. "The problem here is defi-

championship. It was a

nitely the weather. It was 40 Fahrenheit, windy and rainy in Florida, exactly the opposite of here. But I found I could have gone faster in Florida. I'm fit enough 10 run a new record, and I'll be going

Beyond admitting that it would be the biggest prize-money in athletics, McColgan rightly considers it is not worth thinking about until, and if, won. She does not think that Angela Tooby will ultimately he any opposition, and Tooby herself, with a much slower road time,

The equal pay debate in tennis, raised again earlier this week on these pages by my colleague, Rex Bellamy, revolves around the fact that women play three sets in major championships to the men's five. At least women runners cover the same distance.

But Mark Nenow, last year's winner of the men's \$50,000 first prize here (McColgan, then named Lynch, won \$30,000 for beating Kristiansen), took up the point that Kristiansen had made last week about the low standards in women's road racing, compared to men's.

"There is little chance of my record [27:22 in 1984] going here this weekend," Nenow said. "But there's a real chance in the women's race. In the men's, the competition is still there, but it is not the same in the women's. They're picking up equal pay for sub-standard

HOCKEY

Britain have last chance for points

From Sydney Friskin, Lahore

By Norman de Mesquita The present revival of the British game has been dominated by Scottish clubs. Dundee Rockets, Fife Flyers and Murrayfield Racers won the first six Heineken championships, and it was not until last year that Durham Wasps ended the domination with their sucagainst Pakistan.

cess at Wembley. play-offs approach, there is a distinct change of emphasis, with four English teams in the last six. This marks the first time the Scots have been out-numbered at this stage.

The groupings — Murrayfield, Fife, and Solihull Barous in Group A, Durham, Whitley Warriors and Nottingham Panthers in Group B - ensure that at least two English clubs will be at Wembley, and the all-round improvement in the Warriors this season make a Durham-Whitley final more than a possibility.

The Warriors open their campaign tomorrow at Nottingham, where they should have too much depth for the inconsistent Panthers. They then move on to Durham, where the local rivals have had some stirring battles

this season. The Barons, outsiders in their group, face a difficult weekend in Scotland, at Fife tomorrow and at Murrayfield on Sunday.

There is also the first leg of a less glamorous play-off at Telford tomorrow, when the Tigers, champions of the first division, meet Peterborough Pirates, the bottom club in the premier division, to decide who plays in next season's premier division. The second leg is at Peterborough next Sunday.

Peterborough next sunday.

WEEKENO FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Heinetten champlonship: Quarter-finals: Notingham Partities Whitley Warriors; Fite Fiyers v Solshull Barons. Helmetten Lagges: Premier division: Dundee Tigers v Durham Wasps, Play-off; Telford Tigers v Peterborough Pirates. Senday: Heineten Champlonship: Quarter-finals: Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors; Murray-field Racers v Solshull Barons.

ORIENTEERING

Bagness out of tussle with Swedes

By a Special Correspondent Martin Bagness, who topped British performances in last year's world championship in France when he was sixteenth, will miss the Paper Sack Jan Kjellstrom Festival at Goodwood this weekend. Bagness, who was disqualified in this event last year, is recovering from influenza and has missed training over the past month.

Quality opposition for Robert Bloor, last year's winner of Arienteers, is still strong with the Manchester-based architect facing Pers-Anders Bergman and Bjorn Kristiansson, of Sweden. Both are past members of the Swedish junior team and Bergman won the European junior championship in 1986 and finished third at Ambleside iast year.

The women's field also has a European flavour to heighten interest, but Roz Clayton and Jean Ramsden have retired. Razel Dean (Forth Valley) is in 800d form to defend her title, while Yvette Hague, of Reading, admits she is below peak fitness and has yet to produce her best.

phy tournament here today against West Germany, who must win to have a chance of regaining the title they have held for the past two years. It is Great Britain's last chance to achieve a victory or at least a draw to earn a point which they came close to doing in Wednesday's match

If they lose it will not be the first time a British team has inished last in this event with-Out a point. It happened at Karachi in 1980, but Britain had here and again at Karachi in 1984 and the silver in Perth (Australia) io 1985.

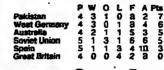
Despite these achievements, the British management view the present tournament as a training ground for the Olympic Games rather than anything else. But even allowing for injuries at bome and un-availability of certain leading players, the opportunity to select a stronger side for the Champions Trophy seems to have been missed.

Experimentation, too, has been somewhat limited as the three junior players have been used sparingly as substitutes. Garcia has in four matches played for a total of 31 minutes,

Great Britain play their final 11 against the Soviet Union, match in the Champions Tro- and 20 against Pakistan; Mayer and 20 against Pakistan; Mayer for 54 minutes altogether, 20 against against Spain before he was injured, and 34 against Australia. Hill has had eight minutes against Australia, six against the Soviet Union, and nine against Pakistan for a total

Duthie, one of the senior against Spain, 36 against Ausua-lia before he was taken ill, and four against Pakistan. Hurst, the ainst Spain, 36 against Austrasecond choice goalkeeper, has not yet played.

Australia, the worst hit by illness and injury, seem unlikely, in the last match today, to beat Pakistan in their present mood. After the Soviet Union's goalless draw yesterday with Spain, the three teams most likely to mount the victory stand, therefore, could be Pakistant, thetelote, could be rake-stan, West Germany, and Australia, though not necessar-ily in that order. The Soviet Union, bowever, still have a slim chance of the bronze medal.



Mixed fortunes for the French touring team

By Joyce Whitehead

1-2 to Scotland under-21, and on Sunday the Scots were again

Their next stop was the north of England, where they were beaten 2-0 by Crosby Civil Service on a grass pitch that was not to their liking. A 1-0 loss to Liverpool was followed by a 2-2 days: draw against Lancashire with Linda Carr and Jackie Crooke scoring for the home team and the French goals coming from

This afternoon they play Wales and again tomorrow at the National Recreation Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, at 10.30. This will be a prize opportunity for Jane Ludgrove, the goalkeeper, as the Welsh first choices are in Australia playing with Great Britain. • Christine Cook, of Cumbria, will captain the England under-

The French women's team have had mixed success on their tour of Britain. In their first match in Scotland last Saturday they lost at Ludgwigsburg, West Germannent at Ludgwigsburg, West Germannent (Arthur Merchant Ludgwigsburg). many, this afternoon (Cathy Harris writes). There are eight new caps in the squad including Joanna Toon, of Sutton Cold-field, who played for Warwick-shire in the senior cham-

pionship. The North provide seven players reflecting their domi-nance in this age group. Eng-land, who are drawn in the same section as the powerful side from The Netherlands, face a difficult task because they must win their pool to have a chance of reaching the final.

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ENGLAND UNDER-18: P Campbell
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(East), J Mould (Midlands), R Pillington
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CYCLING

Pre-dawn mileage for Cammish

Four days a week Ian Cammish, Britain's Best All-Rounder champion, starts training at 4.45 a.m. for anything up to three hours before going to work

That is the degree of determination he has to become this season the country's supreme champion for the eighth occa-

petition that embraces trials at 100 miles in 3hr 31min — and 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours.

followed by a two-day, three-stage road race at Market Harborough on Saturday and Sunday and rounded off with another time trial on Monday at Bishop's Stortford.

Now free of the saddle soreness that made his last two years of racing painful, Cammish believes that he is on the brink of even faster times in the season-long all-rounder com-

His Easter holiday programme starts today with a hilly
31 miles nt Welwyn Garden City

Success in road races and track
Later this year, however, he
may try to fit in one or two Later this year, however, he staightout record attempts and already has ideas about two potential courses for an attack on the 100 miles figure of 3:28:40.

One route would take him

CANOEING

Devizes

is no

matter

By Mick Cleary

Trovelling from Devizes to Westminster by canoe is an extreme way of avoiding the M4

snarl-ups on Easter weekend, but that is the intention of more

than 600 hardy souls who today set out for the fortieth time in

be the toughest non-stop race of its kind in the world.

Competitors will range from

crack SAS entries to the ever-

green British eccentrics living

out their Jerome K Jerome idyll.
The fantasy will probably end
after about a mile when they
encounter the weed-choked

Kennet and Avon canal and feel

the slime oozing down their

The race, in fact, is not for the

casual whacky sports nuts. The course snakes 125 miles and includes 71 portages, a quaint term for a back-breaking hauf out of the water and then

anything up to a three-quarters of a mile jog along the bank to clear the lock, weir or whatever. The organizers estimate 4-1

against new crews completing.

For those who do complete, the nitimate target is the course record of 15hr 34min set in 1979 by Brian Greenham and Tim

Cornish. For the last three years

there has also been a singles class which takes place over four days with overnight stops at

Now that there is to be an

international world marathon championship for the first time in Nottingham this July, it is hoped that eventually singles

experience to tackle the Devizes-Westminster in one go.

It is all a far cry from the origins of the race - n Scout

stunt to raise funds by canoeing

and camping along the canal and then on to the Thames. The first crews in 1948 took almost 88

The abstacles are seemingly infinite — the distance, the weather and even broody swans.

Many an unsuspecting paddler has been eapsized by an irate pen intent on her nesting. The hazards of the British climate

also can play havoc with the best laid plans. One year it was widespread heatstroke and the

equivalent of snow hindness from the reflective glare nff the

water. Another year saw wide-spread flooding and one startled discrientated team looked down

to see a set of goal posts and a football pitch.

The event is international

with crews from all the Euro-peau countries all backed by

nrday morning to gain full benefit from the ebb tide, finish-

ing at around 7 a.m. For the stragglers there is just the spur

nf a fleeting moment of tele-vision fame as they weave through the Boat Race flotilla.

YACHTING

Breezing

along

to Manila

From Malcolm McKeag Hnng Kong

Fifty-six yachts are scheduled to

set off today from Hong Kong towards Manila in the China Sea

Race, the 650-mile classic that is the hiennial racing highlight of the Far East.

Heading the fleet is Charley,

the Ron Holland 66-foot ultra-

light displacement boat, which,

light displacement boat, which, if conditions suit, is expected to break the course record set in 1986 by the 81-foot Nirvana, of 79hr 23min 13sec. Charley, designed specifically for fast downwind races such as this, has the duhious distinction of bring or authorise in her bring or authorise in the bring or authorise in the bring or authorise in the bring of the bring or authorise in the bring or authoris

being so extreme in her shape -

she is very long, lean and light — that her IOR rating is almost the same as her overall length.

seems to lie between the Philippine-entered Amatora of Eric

ippine-entered Amatora of Eric Geiling (formerly Panda of the British Admiral's Cup team) and Jelik Frank Pong's Castro 41, from Hong Kong. If Amatora pulls it off, she will be

the first non-Hong Kong yacht

to win this race since Jack

Rooklyn's Ballyhoo took the

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In the IOR division, the battle

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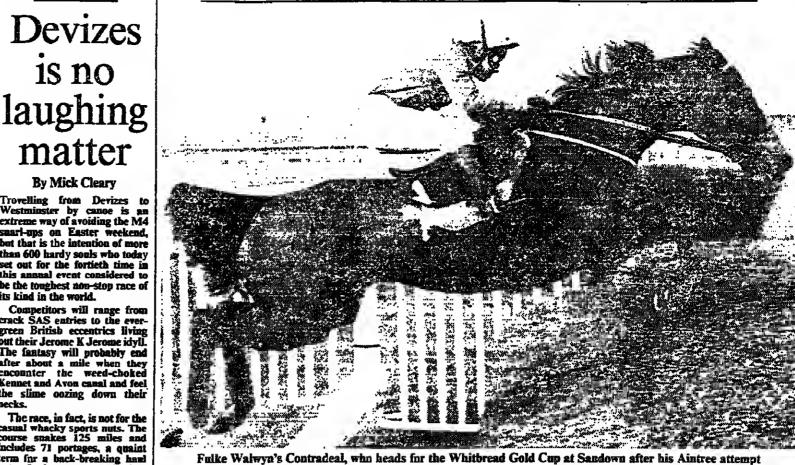
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RACING: WALWYN'S 11-YEAR-OLD SWITCHES TO CHIVAS REGAL CHASE



Contradeal misses the Aintree spectacular

with Sheila's Collage. Merryman II and Teal, and

speed than my past winners. But you don't know if they will take

to Aintree. If this borse does I am very hopeful."

looks negative

Contradeal, who was quoted at 33-1 for the Grand National, will miss the Aintree marathon. The Fulke Walwyn-trained gelding will now run in the Chivas Regal Chase next Thursday, the opening day of the Liverpool meeting.

The three mile one furlong contest, run over the Mildmay course, is also pencilled in for

Contradeal, who was taken out of the Cheltenham Gold Cup due to the testing conditions, will take on Desert Orehid. They are both likely to clash again in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park, on April 23.

A spokesman for Walwyn said yesterday morning: Contradeal will be prepared for Sandown's Whitbread Cup after he has run at Liver-pool. We consider him to be well-weighted in Whitbread."

Walwyn will be allempting to win the Whitbread Gold Cup for an unprecedented eighth time.

Neville Crump, who gave Walwyn many a winner in his riding days, has high hopes about his runner, Repington, to this year's National.

With the recent heavy rainfall, conditions are likely to be good with fast times expected especially in the ladies' section, in which the -record of 20hr The 77-year-old Crump said yesterday: "I hope to win another National before I die. My horse is very well. He bas fair form and was once a naughty boy, but now he is a good one." valiant support teams who dash from vantage point to vantage point to vantage point with endless supplies of Bovril and Kendal mint cake. The leading crews will aim to reach Teddington early on Saturday marging to gain full

Repington has only fallen on one occasion in his life. "I don't think the fences will bother him. He jumped round Wetherby this season when they had built the inture three of my other horses ended up on the floor."

Crump, who has won the Crump, who has won the conditions three three of my other horses ended up on the floor."

"He ran very well at Kempton, in February, when second to Rhyme 'N' Reason. On that occasion he blew up. I races at Aintree. fixture three of my other horses ended up on the floor."

Aintree spectacular three times have not run him since because

Henderson backed for first National victory

The Tsarevieh went close to giving Nicky Henderson his first National victory last year when finding one too good in Maori Venture.

of 5-2 are paid and conversely if the wager is for more than 16 runners and 25 complete then the winning bet pays 9-1.

Ivan Straker's 12-year-old is joined by stable companions Classified, whose effort last year was curtailed when his saddle slipped after the 25th fence, and the 1985 Hennessy Gold Cup bero Galway Blaze.

This powerful three-pronged Aintree attack has prompted plenty of interest in the 12-1 offered by City Index bookmakers about Nicky Henderson Everything is as ready as it can be. Special deliveries of diesel oil have been made to the lighthouse at Bolonel to ensure the light does not go out at a crucial moment, and the trees around the lighthouse at Hermana Major have been pruned to render them invisible from seaward. landing the spoils on April 9.

Other Grand National speci-ality bets offered by the same firm include 5-1 about an Irish victory and an opportunity to forecast how many finishers there will be.

An investment on the latter is subject to whether there will be less than 14½ or more than 16 runners finishing. One can choose to go above or below this

The difference either side represents one point per horse, i.e. If only 12 horses finish odds

Wentworth celebrates first win

Tracey Wentworth partnered the first winner of her career when Christmas Holly, a 7-2 chance, beat Tudor Gate by three lengths in the Auchinraith Apprentice Handicap at Hamilton Park yesterday. It was Miss Wentworth's

ninth ride and she rode a waiting race. Treyarmon and Casual Pass were the early leaders, hnt Christmas Holly was always bowling along well in his favour-ite heavy ground, and took nver to pull away easily. "Now Christmas Holly will go

The state of the s Tyrone Williams, who col-lected a two-day ban on Wednes-

day for excessive use of the whip, made no mistakes in the Quarry Selling Handicap and did not even have to use his whip when 7-2 chance Special Re-serve scored by six lengths from the favourite, Design Wise.

Poaching the better ground after a furious, Williams was soon at the head of affairs and went away to score easily.

every other steeplechase at Liverpool, added: "Repington would certainly have a lot more Now that Guy Landau is ol

cannot operate on."

of the soft ground which he

action with a cracked collar bone Mellor has been riding the horse in his work. "I have given him couple of racecourse gallops which he throughly enjoyed. I just hope the rain slops and we Mick's Star, who was a lead-ing fancy earlier in the season, will miss the race. Mick get some decent ground," Border Burg's recent failure at Newhury, where he was puiled up, does not augur well. How-ever, Last Suspect was pulled up

on his final outing before he went on to victory in the 1985 Playschool test National, Andy Turnell, who trained

Maori Venture to win last year's race for Jim Joel, will be represented by Tracys Special again this time. The result of the official dope test taken from Playschool after he was pulled up when favourite in last munth's Cheltenham Turnell said yesterday: "I consider Tracys Special to be a good outsider. He ran well last year to finish sixth." Gold Cup will not be announced until Tuesday, but is likely to prove negative.

A Jockey Clnh spokeswoman said yesterday: "Although we don't expect anything from the laboratory until after the weekend, the findings are likely to grove negative. David Barons, bis trainer, has been informed." Steve Knight, who rode Maori Venture, will have the ride. Turnell added. "I think he is in better sorts this year and be has

been running well. I am very hopeful." West Tip, who recently ran a good race in the Cheltenham Gold Cup where he finished sixth to Charter Party, is in top Easterby, the gelding's trainer, said: "The horse is tinished for form. Michael Oliver, who trained West Tip to win the Aintree epic two years ago, commented: "He could not be better. I am delighted with him. the season. He picked up a virus and has a blood disorder."

Phil Tuck, who was to have ridden Mick's Star, has yet 10 "At Chelteoham he stayed on Stan Mellor, trainer of the really well, as he always does. National favourite, Lean Ar Agaidh reports the Proverb geiding to be in tine fettle. hope we get some good ground and there is no reason why he should not make the frame. The "He will not lack fitness handicapper certainly has not done us any favours again. He will have 11st 7lb on his back, like he did last year when be despite the fact that he has had only one outing this season," be

> Richard Dunwoody, who has ridden West Tip in all his three races at Aintree, will be back in

Increase in benefits for stable staff

Stable staff will receive im-proved death and disabled beaefits from today as a result of changes to the Racing Industry Benefit Scheme, aunounced hy the Levy Board.

For the first time, a capital payment of up to £20,000 will be made to stable staff who are disabled as a result of an accident while at wark, and the death benefit is being increased

to the same figure. to the same figure.

The scheme's annual cost of approximately £95,000 in 1988-89 will be funded by trainers and permit holders, each of whom will contribute £6 a year far each employee (a total of approximately £39,000), Levy Board (£25,000), stable tads' welfare trust (£20,000) and net income from the existing disablement trust fund (£11,000).

© The Horserace Totalisator Board's contribation to the levy in 1988-89 should total £790,000, an increase of £36,000 on the current year. The Tote is to continue in contribute at the rate of 1.01% of turnover in respect of off-course cash, but will pay at the inwer rate of 0.84% for off-course credit, giv-

Need for spreading load with fixtures

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

A husy weekend is in prospect on the point-to-point field with 33 meetings scheduled over four days, Inevitably, this will mean that runners may be scarce at some fixtures and, in consequence, the casual attenders swelling the holiday crowd are unlikely to be attracted to subsequent events.

The reverse was the case a few wanting to run at each meeting. races being commonplace - the Brecon had to run 11 - far too many for an enjoyable family

With better scheduling both these predicaments could be overcome.

By the end of Fehruary, in the third and fourth weeks of the season, all !4 areas could be holding a meeting at the time of the year when there is the greatest demand from owners lo

An early meeting, however, does have disadvantages for a hunt - the risk of the event being off due to bad weather is obviously greater in February than in April and the attendance, when races are often run in horizontal sleet, is not as bigh as in sunshine to May. But better organisation within the point-to-point areas could solve these problems.

By expanding the period over which fixtures are scheduled. slots would be created which would be available for any lost meeting and each hunt could Fehruary meetings, which would come round no more than once in a dozen or so years.

Two other measures would help to prevent nine and 10-race cards. An extra area Club meet-ing could be held and not every type of race should be catered for al each meeting.

Only four or five need to be scheduled when it is known that at least one will be divided, provided an overall balance is achieved within the area.

This weekend, however, there are too many meetings ehasing too few horses. Luckity, the going will not be firm at any but, nevertheless, some will have less than 40 horses taking part.

If only three meetings were allowed in any area over the eight-day period, Saturday to Saturday, a better attendance of both horses and paying supporters would result.

Before this rule could be applied it would be necessary to balance the numbers of nunts in each area. For example, there are 24 both in Taumon and in Devon and Cornwall while the Sandhursi area has only eight.

It would be sensible to transfer the meetings at Haldon and Bishopsleigh to Taunton which in turn could lose those at Bradhury Rings and Larkhill to Sandhurst and form a new Southern area. Each would then have between 18 and 20 meetings.

The loyalty of the point-to-point enthusiast is often taken too much for granted. These changes would be to his advan-

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Southwell

Hamilton Park Going: heavy

City Index reports beavy in-

dividual support for Course Hunter, who has been laid from

100-1 down to the present price

Although a wager of £2,000 each-way at 25-1 has been laid on the Irish challenger Hard Case it is Sacred Path who will be City Index's higgest loser. Sacred Path is owned by Britain's highest-pagio man the mer-

sacred Path is owned by Bri-gin's highest-paid man, the mer-chant banker Christopher Heath, and City Index's Barry Beasley said: "The whole of the City seems to be on this one. We've laid £1.000 win at 25-1

and have had a flood of smaller

Fortugate winner

Only four of the nine starters got round in the Jack Daniels Novices' Chase at Southwell yesterday and Boardmans Crown looked a lueky winner.

He was left elear after the leader

Rodney Bay, fell at the second-last, hampering his nearest pur-suer, Red Colombia.

2.15 (1m 3f) 1. CHRISTMAS HOLLY (Tracy Wentworth. 7-2; Mandarin's nap); 2. Tudor Gate (M. Hughes, 7-1); 3. Treyamon (P Burks, 100-30), ALSO RAN; 9-2 Our Hero (6th), 10 Lucayan Gold (5th), 12 Fourth Tudor, 14 Casual Pass (4th), 16 in A Spin, 20 Jelly Jul, 50 Pretty Ry, 10 can. NR: Mighty Supremo. 3t, 51, 15-1, 51, 31, Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn-By-The-Sea. Tote: £5.10; £2.10, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £7.40. CSF: £24.79, Trocas: £77.65.

2.45 (1m 40yd) 1, SPECIAL RESERVE (1 Williams, 7-2; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Design Wise (Kim Tinkler, 7-4 fa.y); 3, Fox Path (A Clark, 15-8), ALSO RAN: 13-2 (1-Bix Copy (4th), 25 Bargariette (4 8 5 J Lowe) (5th), 5 ran. 6), 14, 7, 3, P Hastam at Newmarket, Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.50, DF: £2.60, CSF: C9 51, No. 164 £9.51. No bid.

3.15 (1m 1f) 1, GOLD SCEPTRE (Km Tinkler, 3-1): 2, Speransky (O Nicholis, 16-1): 3, Dauricum (J. Bleasdale, 9-4 lav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Affaire de Coeur (5th), 3 CLUMP 14: ATTAINE de Coeur (5th), 8 Epprette, 14 Ronocco (6th), 14 Stanton Queen, 16 Repasied (4th), 8 ran. ½, 151, 1½, 6, 21 N Timkler at Malton, Tote: £2.80: £1.10. £7.80, £1.40. DF: £15.30. CSF: £40.33.

3.45 (5f) 1, BLUE BELL MUSIC (J. Carroll, 11-4); 2, Orchert's Pet (T. Williams, 11-4); 3, I'm Easy (D. Nicholls, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 tax Just Guard (4th), 8. Ebor Nova (6th), Golden Graduate (5th), 6 ran. 4l, nk. 2l, 5l, 13l, J. Berry at Cockerham, Tote: 55:90; £2.70, £2.80. OF: £13.50. CSF: £10.20. 4.15 (6f) 1, MAJORITY HOLDING (P Bloomfield, 5-1); 2, Tarkovsky (D Nicholis, 3-1 it lev); 3, Tot Of Rye (3 Duffield, 3-11, ALSO RAN: 4 Vanshing Spirit (6th), 3 Acquainted (5th), 11 Royal Language (4th), 12 Fantasy Street, 20 Vagara, 33 Special Price, 50 Ces T Lady, 10 ran, 6t,

2.0 (3m 110ya chi 1, BOARDMANS CROWN (G Mernegn, 3-1 yt lav), 2, Red Craig Royal (S J O'Nedl, 3-1 yt lav), 2, Red Columbia (T Wall, 66-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Lakefield (4th), 5 Border Tinker (pu), 11-2 Rooney Bay (f), 16 Porchester Run (f), 20 Slanaudbou II), 66 Aragen (pu), 9 ran. NR: Purston Star. 121, 31, 31, J Webber at Banbury, Tole: £4.60; £1.60, £2.10, £11.20, DF: £7.00, CSF; £11.78.

Placepot: 281.90

Going: good to soft

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, ENCHANTED MAN (D. J. Burchell, 7-1); 2. Oriental Express (N. Ooughty, 5-1); 3. Emerkala (W. Worthington, 12-1), ALO RAN; 3 lav On Her Toes, 4 My Derya (4th), 13-2 Mrs Peopleater (ar), 10 Spring lorward, 12 Night Visitor (5th), Sno Surprise, 14 Escadero (f), 20 Fountam's Choice (6th), Mrs. Perperpot, Tyramise, 33 Nors God (pui, Rigister (pu), No Go By. 16 ran. NR: Tim's Bine? 2), 4; 2, 4, 3i. 0 Burchell at Ethio Vale. Tote: £9.30; £2.40, £2.10, £2.20, DF: £20.50. CSF: £47.48, Bought in 3.100gris.

3.0 (2m 74yd ch) 1, SEE GARDEN (B Powell, 4-5 fay); 2, Tierenee (T Walt, 15-2); 3, Another that (S Kenghiley, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Alcro (4th), 8 Bennucas Glen

(pul. 50 Alabama (pu), Roy's House (Sm), 7 (zn. NR: River Trout. 121, 121, 23), 251 P Bailey at Salisbury. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.80. Tricast. £21.25. 1%I, 10I, 2I, 3I. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tota: £8.50; £2.30, £1.90, £1.70, DF; £20.90, CSF; £20.37, 4.45 (61) 1. PROSPECT PLACE (O Nicholds, 7-4 if tav; 2. Glory Gold (M wigham, 9-1); 3. Jondebe Boy (J Carroll, 7-4 if lav), ALSO RAN, 7-2 Taranga (44th, 8 Rainbow Trout (5th), 5 ran. 24, 114, 8, 3, M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton, Tote: 52 70; £1.60, \$2.40, DF: £11.60, \$SF: £14.60.

3.30 (2m 4f hdie) 1, LIGHTWATER AGAIN (J Osborne, 4-5 fav); 2, Stegsman (A Leese, 10-1); 3. Edozien 1Adele Jeckson, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Run On The Bank, 7 Verdon Canyon, 14 Secret Rebel (ur), 16 Shareel (4th), 25 Roman Chanot (pu), 33 Cheddleion Whitf, 50 Jimsddan (pu), Ladywood Lad (pu), Blue Grit (f), Jims Lass 15th), Lady Lodge (6th), Baptisia (pu), 15 ran, 3; 101, 41, 5; 25, Mrs M Dickorson at Harewood, Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.10, £4.20, OF: £8.30, CSF: £10.31.

4.0 (2m 74yd ch) 1, DOWJAK (D Browne, 4-6 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Segart Aroon (M Brennan, 3-1); 3, Diradan (W Heyes, 50-1) ALSO RAN: 10 Rere Deal (pu), 20 Dark Emperor, Spartan Native, 25 Take A Hilva (bd), 33 Chetsea Men (6th), 50 Ashley Royale, Rapidan (5th), Narcone (f), Solnager (f), Sonnendew (pu), Tors (4th), Rubadark (f), 15 ran NR; Sword Edge, 10, 25/1, 51, 20, 41, Mrs M Rumell at Severn Stake, Tole; £1,80; £1,40, £1,50, £7,90, DF; £3,40, CSF; £3,11.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, COURT RULER (M Dwyer, 12-1); 2, Tremar Lad (S Sherwood, 6-1); 3, Brack River (M Bowlby, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Regal Castle, 4 Deadly Going, 9-2 Great Gander (4th), 20 Patt Pain (5th), Cruden Bay (5th), 50, American Girl, Hewaiian Heir, Dreadnought (pu), Draw The Line, Lochten, 13 ran. It, sh hd, 41, 12, nk, Miss S Wilton at Stoke on Trent, Tore: 29.00; 22.40, 51.30, 54.10, DF: \$16.50, CSF: \$77.36, Tricast, 1996-50.

Placepot: £35.50

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Soccer's popularity in the United States is a success story still to be covered by the American media

Texas Longhorns blazing the trail

Toshack

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From Clive White

When you have played under Bill Shankly at Liverpool for as long as John Toshack did, finishing second best is hard to accept. This season in Spain as manager of Real Sociedad, the former heir apparent to the Shankly throne is set to do the second-place double, finishing second in the League and the cap—and Toshack is not a happy man.

"Some chairmen take their team on a world cruise for finishing second, but Shankly never spoke to us for five months if we didn't win the change-ionship," Toshack recalled late

ionship." Toshack recalled late on Wednesday evening as he slowly recovered from the disappointment and surprise of losing the Spanish Cup final to Barcelona. "I remember saying to Shanks once after missing out on the League: 'At least there's the UEFA Cup.' And he replied: "What's that'! I've never finished low except to grapific for it?"

low enough to qualify for it'."

The World Championship Tennis finals, initiated by the Texas billionaire, Lamar Hunt, in the early 1970s, struggles to get a full complement of eight players at the Reunioo Arena this week for a \$680,000 (around £365,000) event worth \$200,000 to the winner. Withdrawals by Wilander and others plague the competition's

Just down the road, nearly 2,000 players in 110 teams from 19 countries, paying \$300 per team for the privilege, are competing in the nioth Dallas Cup, sponsored by British Caledonian and Adidas. There are six age-group categories, four for boys and two for girls. It is one of more than 300 soccer tournaments that will take place across America this year.

The Royal Navy, winners of the top under-19 group in 1981 and runners-up io 1982, were yesterday eliminated from the preliminary round in which they were drawn with three American teams from Atlanta, Dallas and Portland. Chief Perty Officer (PT) Ian Ree, at times On July 4 in Zurich the United States Soccer

Federation makes its bid for the 1994 World Cup finals, despite a background of persistently failing professional football. Could FIFA justify awarding America the cup? David Miller reports from Dallas

Middlesborough in 1966, after the historic victory over Italy, by wearing a souvenir blazer, Griffith

wearing a souvenir blazer, Griffith arrived in Texas as a teacher. In 1968 he founded the Texas Longhorns (colours: Blackpool tangerine, of course), a club for youngsters. In 20 years the Longhorns have played a phenomenal 750 ioternational touring matches, from Munich's Olympie stadium to Maracana, in a modern crusade.

to Maracana, in a modern crusade which dwarfs even that of the legendary Middlesex Wanderers. In 1980, Griffith created the Dallas

When the Longhorns began, there were maybe 100 players and four referees in the whole of Texas.

sounding unfortunately like Long John Silver in his reflections from the touchline upon the referee, could not rally his powder mon-keys as the occasionally unscrupulous Portland boarding party won 2-0.

Not the least distinguished aspect of the Dallas Cup is the presence of a dozen FIFA referees, including Abraham Klein, from Israel, and Boh Valentine, of Scotland: one of many achieve-ments of Ron Griffith, who has a soccer fanaticism born in the golden era of Blackpool.

Following degrees at Leeds University and Loughborough, and getting himself into the North Korean dressing-room, at

players in the North Texas State Soccer Association alone, and 1,600 referees, coming from 108

The FIFA Special Commission arrives on April 10 for a week's investigation of America's bid. Quite apart from the commercial and professional aspects of the game in the United States—to be discussed here appeared by discussed here another time -FIFA should regard the grass-roots expansion of the game which has been taking place.

Pelé was here last weekend to open the Dallas Cup. He has repeatedly said that for FIFA to give the World Cup to Brazil in 1994 rather than to the US "would be an own goal". That is his sincere opinion, not merely expressed, as cynics might suggest, because he is in public relations for a not unfamiliar soft drink. There is far more to US soccer than one bizarre, historic goal against England in the 1950 World Cup and the brief, ultimately nose-diving. the brief, ultimately nose-diving, reign of New York Cosmos with Pelé and Beckenbauer.

Let me give just four statistics:

This summer, between June 1 and August 12, there will be more than 500 coaching "camps" When students consider univer-

than 700 colleges have soccer on the curriculum, more than 10 per cent of which offer soccer scholar-When Enzo Bearzot, the former

Italian World Cup manager, came to lecture to the National Soccer Coaches' Association two months ago, he was astonished to find himself addressing an organization with 5,000 members.

There are 110 state associations, youth and senior, and for the past 15 years a framework of state, regional (four) and national championships for six junior and

senior age groups. Soccer receives little media attention. The magazine Sports Illustrated, whose coverage of con-ventional US sport is of an exceptional calibre by excellent writers, has yet, through indif-ference or ignorance, even to

names in America. Yet Soccer America, a 48-page weekly specialist newspaper, hans a 15,000 readership for informed, intelligent reporting of the world soccer scene on a scale unavailable in England.

mention in detail the decision to be taken on July 4, for which the USSF has the corporate backing of

the most famous multi-national

Conventional US sport overtly attempts to intimidate soccer's development. Two mothers of 14year-olds, with whom I spoke at Moss Park, an area of eight pitches where much of the Dallas Cup is taking place, said their sons had to be discreet at junior high school about their soccer involvement. One had been told by the (American) football coach that soccer

"was for wimps". The other had been darkly advised, that soccer "is a commic sport". For all his political love affair with Africa, there is little that is communist about João Havelange, hut he should support the people's sport of "free" America.

Even if the team unexpectedty

depended an the outcome of the Spanish Cup final, n victory

which owed much to the contribution of Lineker, even if his shot from which Alexanco

followed up to score was struck clearly from an offside position.

CCPR speaks out over funding

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By John Goodbody

The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) yesterday criticized the balance of the Government's sport expenditure, which is primarily split between supporting governing bodies and stimulating mass participation through regional projects.

In a letter to Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, the CCPR said that the "present expenditure on so-called sports participation and awareness programmes cannot of itself be regarded as an effective use of publicly-provided resources.".

The Government is giving 538 million to sport this year but only £8 million is directly available to the governing bodies, who are affiliated to the CCPR.

"The CCPR believes that there would be room for considthere would be room for considerable saving if a number of current Sports Council priorities were readjusted and, where appropriate, commitments reduced," the letter reads. "For example, there may be room for economies in the area of expending which relates to the publicizing of the Sports Council itself rather than those bodies which take on the task of which take on the task of meeting the Council's: objectives."

Ron Emes, chairman of the CCPR, points out that invest-ment in elite training com-petition is already well behind the level available in the major-ity of Western European na-tions. "A reasonable requirement would be for an increase in the Sports Council's budget for this important area of sports

performance."

The CCPR was replying to the Minister's open letter last November, which began a review on the future of British sport. It is now planned that extra money will be given to the regional Sports Councils forspecial facilities and projects, particularly in the inner-cities, but the CCPR argues that the responsibility for the development of sport and recreation, at all levels of society, rests with the individual governing bodies. the individual governing bodies and their network of clubs and

The CCPR also does not want to see the number of governing body representatives on the 32strong Sports Council dimin-ished It suggests there should be a maximum of only four re-gional chairmen on the council and not the present 10. Al-though the Minister has sug-gested a possible pruning of the numbers. John Smith, the Sports Council chairman, believes this is not necessary.

faces an

If the present international squash policy continues, how-ever. Marshall's chances as a junior ended conclusively when Carlyon cut a backhand drive to the nick of the old Edinburgh Sports Club championship court to win 5-9, 9-6, 9-1, 9-7. Nearly two years' growth differential was crucial.

ioteresting squash prospect. Hard of head and tough in sinew, he has dominated all the British age groups to this point, while doggedly refusing to abancompensate early strength deficiency.

His championship weapons must rust at least for the next must rust at least for the next five years, though, if there is not a reversal of a decision taken at the last annual general meeting of the International Squash Rackets Federation to pull back junior age limits from 19 to 18 years. By 1990 Marshall will be too all to creating the second to consider the second to consider the second to creating the second to creati

Petitions from the joinior managers and coaches at Edinburgh are to be forwarded to the international Squash Rackets Federation demanding the retention of the under-19 age limit.

England are warned as Soviet Union turn on the power

From Stuart Jones

ing game of the West Berlin tournament here yesterday. first round of the European

Although the huge stadium was almost empty and the contest was caught somewhere between a competitive fixture and an exhibition, there were unmistakable signs that the Soviet Union has lost little of the talent displayed in 1986.

They have also found a maintaining a scoring record that is superior to that of Lineker, of England, if not so prolonged. Hill will

referee

Cup final

Brian Hill, of Kettering, will referee the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 14. "This has come completely out of the blue," he said.

Hill started refereeing in 1965 and was made a Football League referee in 1975. He was ap-pointed a FIFA referee in 1985.

A schoolboy final in 1977 was

Wembley. He referred the FA
Trophy linal there in 1983 and is
on the panel for the European
championship in West Germany, as a linesman.

Hill has also been booked for the Mercantile Credit Festival in the stadium on April 16 and 17, an occasion which will now double as a fitness test, as he is recovering from n torn calf muscle which forced him to miss the second half of Arsenat's recent game against Newcastle.

The senior Com Finel lines.

The senior Cup Final lines-

man is George Tyson, from Sunderland. He refereed the

1986 Freight Rover Trophy final. Michael Pierce, from Hampshire, is the other

The most recent signing of Dynamo Kiev and one of their 14 representatives in the squad claimed three goals in the notable 4-0 win over Greece earlier this month. Yesterday he gained a couple more, although one was a penalty, and created another.

Zavarov, a gifted midfield player, was also prominent behind him. When Wilkins was asked to control him during England's visit to the Soviet Unioo two years ago, he asked if he could use a motorbike to keep pace.

After a typically slow and deliberate start was interrupted by three goals in four minutes, the sparse crowd prepared itself for a feast, But all of the decisive strikes were postponed until the closing

The Soviet Union estab-lished a two-goal lead within a quarter of an hour. Zavarov, in collecting a poor defensive header, beat Pumpido from 25 yards with a dipoing volly. Almost immediately Rats was released on the left hy Protasov. His chip floated over Argentinia's goalkeeper and fell for Litovchenko to prod in from close range.

pierced instantly. Caniggia, a fleet-footed but wild forward, disturbed them with an overhead kick and Troglio cleaned up with a precise drive.

Protasov broke through on his own to restore the Soviet Union's lead shortly after the hour. Maradona, Argentina's captain who is being paid the inflated price of £1,000 a minute to appear here, then made his only contribution.
Yet his free kick cluded
Dassaev only after it had
bounced off the head of

Protasov fittingly provided the finishing touch. Zavarov, after exchanging delightfully with Rats, cut in and was felled oo the edge of the area. His dive coovinced the referee that a penalty should be awarded and Protasov converted. Argentina, unfortu-nate then, were later lucky that Demianenko's legitimate run through their fragile rear guard was ruled out.

low enough to qualify for it?."

Now Toshack can console himself with the thought that he should finish more than high enough to qualify for that competition next season, though he appreciates that he will have to be on his guard against any reaction to the defeat in the Bernabéu stadium. He has already conceded that the championship will have to be lost by Real Madrid, who are eight points ahead of Real Sociedad, rather than won by his own team. guard was function.

Angentala: N Permide, S Batista, J Brown, H Diaz, R Gluss, O Ruggert, R Sensini (sutc. N Clausen). P Troglio, J Cucletto, O Maradona, C Cenlegia.

SOVIET UNION: R Dansaev, V Bessonov, S Batacha, O Kuznetsov, A Demianenko, V Hats, T Sutavelidae (sub: P yakovenko), G Linovchenko (sub: S Gotsamov), A Zavarov, O Protasov, I Betanov (sub: V Petalko).

Referee: J Quinlou (Spain).

Valley supporters step up the fight

Chariton have announced they will be leaving Selhurst Park, which they share with Crystal Palace, and there are plans to move to a site near the Blackwall tunnel. The couocil will give their verdict on that option or a return to the Valley. A group spokesman, Steve Dixon, said: "We are hoping that we can influence the council to decide to go back to the Valley, the cluh's spiritual home. We will be out in the streets of Charlton and Greenwich on Saturday and Creenwich on Saturday and Creen

til the last postponed match had been played, on April 26.

The former Scottish international, Steve Archibald, oow with Blackbarn, has booked Wembley on April 13, to stage an all-star game for Football Aid for Famine Relief in Ethiopia.

Norwich City have put every fit player on standby for Saturday's home match against Charlton. Norwich, already without Dale Gordon and Robert Rosario, through injuries, have Wayne Biggins suspended and will give late fitness tests to captain Michael Phelan (stomach muscles) and Ian Crook (ankle).

managerial career, lie won the Spanish Cup last season with Real Societad and achieved the not inconsiderable feat of taking Swansea City from the fourth division to the first in the space of famous though and bisalicated Charlton supporters will take to the streets this weekend, collecting signatures for a pention which they hope will help them in the fight to persuade the club to return to their former home at the Valley. The Halifax chairman, Rod of four years. "I fought tooth and nail against referees, Welsh FA committee men, against every-one and put Swansea on top with 10 games to play in 1982," he said. "We finished fifth and got a place in the UEFA Cup." In some ways, life with the Basques is not so very different from that with the South

Ballymena maintain momentum

Walenns of Swansea. As at the Vetch Field, Toshack has had to rebuild from scratch, but this

By George Ace

Ballymena United who meet Glenavon in an Irish Cup semi-final at the Oval next week, maintained their momentum with an impressive 3-0 away win of Seaview against Crusaders in a County Antrim Association round match on Wednesday.

It was a goal of stunning quality by Scott, approaching half-time, that put Ballymena nn their way, he ghosted past four players and crashed the ball into the net with the hapless Brown looking on. McDonald added a second on the interval added a second on the interval whistle, and Greer, with an nwn goal, completed Crusaders' night of woe and prompts the questinn whether their journey to the Ballymena Showgrounds tomorrow, when League points are at stake, is really necessary. Elsewhere, senior opposition

Elsewhere, senior opposition proved too much for POSC, who were beaten 2-0 by Bangor, Maghera, who got on the wrong end of n 5-1 scoreline against Cliftonville, and Ballyclare Courades, who went down 2-0 against Ards.

of building a Welsh World Cup squad. He added that he regarded the opportunity as far from dead as far as he was However, if the Forest manager is serious in reopening the subject rather than simply

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BELGIAN CUP: Quarter-fizetis: Ander-lecht 5, St Truiden () (agg: 6-0); Korrițik 2, Lierse 2 (agg: 2-5); Standard Liège 2, Esclen 3 (agg: 4-2); Machelen 0, Beveren O(agg: 1-1, Mechelen quality on away goal rule).

Eastbourne Utd 2.

BEAZER HORES LEAGUE: Premier division: Combridge City 1, Redditch 0.

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Coventry Sporting 1, Southern division:
Bury Town 4, Hastings 2; Camerbury valuritum, postponed.

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have fallen on very stony ground. Roworth said: "I deal dismissed by the Egyptian FA earlier this week, could now be in facts. The Forest board refused permission for Clough restored to the position. to manage Wales on a part-time basis and we stand by • Iain Hesford, the Sunderland goalkeeper, has been banned for one match, and that. He has plenty to do here full-time and that doesn't fined £200, after being found mean he can be shared." guilty of bringing the game into disrepute after remarks to Mike Peck, the referee, three Conjecture may be fuelled as Clough has not yet renewed weeks ago when Wigan scored

being entertaining his efforts a permanent boss. Mike have fallen on very stony Smith, the former manager

From one expatriate to another: Gary Lineker with the cup Toshack thought would be his-

n skack compared to the Vetch, never mind the Bernabén. It only just came up to FIFA requirements after a sympathetic viewing by Ernie Walker, the representative and Scottish FA secretary.

On or off the field Toshack is

On or off the field Toshack is an imposing figure, looking well on his three seasons under the Spanish spotlight. He sports the sort of tan which the rest of as could only get in early spring by artificial means. "They're good people ta work for," he said. "When I leave this cluh it will be one of the saddest days of my life,"

Forest scotch Clough talk

secretary.

time on a shoestring not enough from the likes of Hoddle.

The San Sebastian club is bound by tradition to select only Basque players, which restricts his choice but at the same time

makes for a keener team spirit

which, as Tosback noted, money camot buy. Real's team is almost entirely home grown as against the £6.6 million that

Barcelona's outfit cost to as-semble. As in 1982, when Real

semble. As in 1982, when keal won the championship for the first time, the club will be inundated with tempting offers in sell, among others, the soul of their side, José Bakero, a midfield player with the vision that only an optician could separate

By Dennis Shaw

The attempt by Brian Clough

on BBC Sportsnight to reopen his prospects of taking over as

Wales manager has been thwarted by Maurice Roworth, the Nottingham Forest chairman.

Asked if Forest would con-

vene a meeting to discuss their

manager's continued public

interest in the post, he said:
"We don't hold board meetings at Nottingham Forest to
discuss decisions already de-

cided. All this has begue again

because of a chat on tele-visioo. What does that

Clough seemed to attempt

to keep the topicalive when he said that his board were wrong

to deny him the part-time job

his contract which expires in May. But Roworth said: "Clough will be at Forest for a "Clough will be at Forest to a long time yet. The Welsh FA have out made any further have joined the "Football and have joined

Alan Evaos, the Welsh FA secretary, said: "Any further contact will have to come membership to 24 since it was from Brian — we could not founded in 1986, contact him."

The more immediate prob-lem for the Welsh FA is to find the Ward was that Manchester City a manager for their international game in Sweden on April 22. Norwich City will not release David Williams for another "caretaker" job not for sale even at £1.5 and they are no nearer finding million," Swales said.

and when they did get into the 18-yard area following fast breaks, Alex Mayfield, the Welsh goalkeeper, pulled off three excellent saves.

Early in the second half, Mayfield again saved well, from n fierce drive from Anderson. Wales replied with a fine shot from At Sion.

to either Everton, Tottenham Hotspur or Rangers, "He is

Mayfield saves the day

Community" scheme - to promote closer links with their

· Peter Swales, the chairman.

were ready to sell Paul Stew-

art, the forward, for £1 million

By a Special Correspondent

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Wales proved to be worthy winners of the British Universities champinnship at Iffley Road, Oxford, with a 1-0 victory over English Universities II. On 20 minutes, n long ball crossed beyond the far post was squared back by AI Sion for Ellis to drive home for the Welsh. Minutes later, At Sion had a header cleared off the line. The Welsh kept up the pressure until the end and for the first time in 23 years the trophy returned to Wales. The English were consistently

Wales.
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SQUASH RACKETS

Marshall

age crisis

missed out on their prize, there is still one sitting on the table waiting for Toshack's acceptance. He has been offered a two-year extension of his contract, which ends in the summer of 1989. Toshack says he is in no hurry to accept. He should be so lucky, must he the thought of Wednesday's victor, Luis Aragonés. The Barcelona manager's future is thought to have depended an the outcome of the championships in Edinburgh to Mark Carlyon, of Australia. That was as it should have been. These are not Marshall's prime junior years. At the age of 16 he has shaped his entire career towards the next junior world championships, in 1990.

Marshall is a marvellous and don an extraordinary double-handed grip developed in

years. By 1990 Marshau wan ne too nld to qualify on that basis. As of now he is consigned to an under-21 age group largely un-considered in international a controversial last-minute

"Nobody knows why this decision was taken," said Bill Hunt, the brother of the former world champion, Geoff Hunt, and the manager of the talented young Australian squad in Edin-burgh to defend the world junior team championship, which starts oo Sunday. "Of the 20 national junior

managers and couches in Edinburgh, 19 are categorically opposed to changing the age limit." Hunt added. Even Malaysia, originators of the age change, do not seem completely wedded to the idea now.

Football Correspondent West Berlin

Argentina Soviet Union ..

A few dark omens for England were spread across the open-Their final opponents in the championship finals in June beat half of the side, including Maradona, that was crowned world champioo in Mexico

player of considerable stature. Oleg Protasov, a spider of a centre forward, could make a considerable impact in West Germany this summer. He has already marked his promotion to the national side by

The group, which calls itself the "Voice of the Valley", is aiming to collect thousands of names in an attempt to sway Greenwich Council, who will ultimately decide the cluh's

wich on Saturday, as well as asking for support at Monday's

ney Thomas, said they would consider withholding rental un-til the last postponed match had

Dave Stringer, the manager, said yesterday: "Every fit player will be considered." Player-coach, David Williams, and transfer-listed defenders Shaun Ellint and Kenny Brown, are libely additions to the squad game against Watford.

• Halifax Town have failed with a £2,000 rent rebate claim

Barnet take avoiding action · market before the conference

Non-League football hy Paul Newman

season, is again likely to have a decisive influence on the race for the GM Vauxhall Con-ference championship and

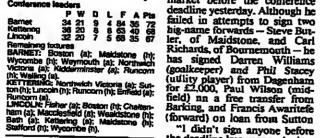
Although Kettering Town have moved into the frame in recent weeks, the two-hnrse race which has developed between Barnet and Lincoln City looks likely to continue. Lincoln, five points behind hut with two games in hand, travel to Fisher Athletic today and play at home to Boston United on Mnnday; Barnet, with only eight games left, go to Boston themorrow and entertain Maidestone United on Monday.

Although Barnet's holiday

Although Barnet's holiday programme appears the more difficult, the pressure could just begin to tell on Lincoln, who have gone four months and 13 matches without defeat.

Fisher, hoping for a cluh record league gate of more than 2,000, have shown improved form since losing 3-0 at Lincoln in January and the Boston match, which could break the league attendance record of 5,822 set at the reverse fixture on Boxing Day, is likely to have on Boxing Day, is likely to have all the tensions expected in a local derby. Added spice was given to the fixture this week when Lincoln paid Boston £15,000 for the signature of Paul Cascy, their versatile defender,

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the closing weeks was a series of injuries suffered by Barnet, but Barry Fry, the manager, hopes that experience will help him cope with the similar problems

After the recent return of Margerison and Evans from long-term absences, there are now doubts over whether Millett, Sansom and Smith will Millett, Sansom and Smith will play agaio this season. Humphries, recovering from a broken leg, has already been ruled nut and Alexander, who is doubtful for the Easter programme because of a pulled hamstring. Ashford and Stephens have all efficient invisions.

and Allen Crombie, the Lincoln midfield player, joined Boston One year ago Barnet went into Easter in a similar neck-and-neck race for promotion with Scarborough, the eventual champions. A decisive factor in

phens have all suffered injuries Fry has attempted to avoid a repeat of last year by spending n heetic formight in the transfer

ler, of Maidstone, and Carl Richards, of Bournemouth – he has signed Darren Williams (goalkeeper) and Phil Stacey (utility player) from Dagenham for £2,000, Paul Wilson (midfield) nn a free transfer from Barking, and Francis Awaritefe

(forward) on loan from Sutton
"I didn't sign anyone before
the deadline lass year and when
we had injuries we just didn't
have the right sort of cover," Fry
said yesterday. "This year, even
though we've lost a player
through injury in each of our
last five games, our squad has
been big enough to cope, although it has made life difficult
having to make changes to the
team every week."

The Football Association has
approved the Northern Premier
League's plan to expand its first
division from 19 clubs to 22
next season by the admission of
Bishop Auckland, Whitley Bay
and Newtown.
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names in non-League football
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win disappear at the end of the season, when Leytonstone-Ilford, who merged into one chib
nine years ago, and Walthamstow Avenue join forces to form
West Essex United. Walthamstow's Green Pond Road
ground, which Leytonstone-Ilford have shared for the last two
seasons, is to be sold to moneyer.

seasons, is to be sold to property developers for £3 million. The merged club is looking for a new home

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Not-ongham Forest 2, Derby County 1: Oxford United 3, Arzenal 0, Second division: Swinton Town 2, Bradford 2

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FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 0, Cebic 1; Dundee United 5, St Marcen 1; Hearts 2, Dundee 0, UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England 1, Brazil 0 (at Brentford).

OLYMPIC GAMES: Qualifying competition: European group A: Poland 1, Romenie 0 (at Prontow).

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VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Southwork 0, Waithamstow Ave 0, Second division morts: Royston 1, Tibury 0; Tring 1, Coller Row 0, Second division south: Chartesy 2, Dorking 2; Feithern 2, Eastbourne Utd 2.

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while Lyle figures in encouraging start Goif Correspondent Card of the course Greensboro, North Carolina Sandy Lyle made another encouraging start as the first round of the Greater Greensboro Open unfolded here on the Forest Oaks course yesterday.

covered his first nine holes in

He missed opportunities for birdies from 10 feet at both the

10th and 18th holes but in

between he gathered his three hirdies without making any errors. A six-iron to three feet

gave him a two at the 12th and

he holed from 20 feet for a

four at the long 15th. He made

another two at the 17th where he struck a five-iron to four

Lyle was not such a model

of consistency over his next nine holes. He drove into a

eventually escaped with a par

Rancho Mirage, California

At the Nabisco Dinah Shore

At the Nabisco Dinah Shore here last year, Laura Davies went about her business relatively anonymously until she returned a publicity-attracting 66, six under par, in the first round. This year, Davies, the US women's Open champion and winner of the Tucson Open, is in the celebrity category at Mission Hills Country Club.

On Tuesday, she was invited to hold court in the Press room,

preceding such luminaries as

Nancy Lopez and Bersy King, the defending champion, who were held over antil

Yesterday confirmed Da-

vies's new status. Her partners in the opening round of this, the

first major championship of the

season, were Jan Stephenson and Amy Alcott, winners of

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Lyle, who won this tour-Out 3,461 36 nament in 1986, was in la 3,523 36 Total yardage: 6,984 control of his game, but Ian Woosnam struggled to a 73. by virtue of a delicate chip to Nick Faldo was among the late three feet. The long second was easily within reach in two The conditions were perfect for low scoring and Lyle, starting out from the 10th,

> Lyle, however, dropped his first shot at the next. Once again he misjudged his approach, pulling it left of the green, and he had virtually no shot with the hole only 20 feet away and green sloping away

on the low side. The greens on the Forest Oaks course are always treacherous as Kenny Knox, who was challenging for the lead, discovered to his cost at the sixth. He took three putts there from four feet.

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day, for the wind whistled her to the 80s in the second round

last year and even though she is now vastly more experienced

can whip themselves up into quite a frenzy.

are more condominiums and less sand." Although the day

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of a similar distance on the same green to get to four under par again. As he did so Woosnam completed his round on a high note by holing from 15 feet for a birdie at the

the Welshman. He is struggling to get his act together and he refused to put any of the blame for his indifferent form on his new Maruman clubs.

shot at the short fourth straight right. He was two over par after three holes and it was not until the seventh, where he holed from 20 feet, that he made a birdie.

Concern at Greenidge set to fill breach foreign as Richards battles fitness loopholes From Richard Streeton, Georgetown, Guyana

Many happy returns: Edberg brisk and confident against Jaite, who only once reached deuce when the Swede was serving

CRICKET: INJURIES AND PITCH CONDITIONS THROW SELECTION PLANS AWRY

Viv Riehards, the West Indies of wicketkeeper. Yousuf was the captain, has suffered a setback only specialist brought on the fter his recent abscess operation and could be forced to miss the first Test match against Pakistan starting here tomor-row. Gordon Greenidge, who has been leading West Indies in the one-day games, would take over as captain if Richards has

to stand down. The problem for Richards is that he has an open wound, which is taking longer to heal than expected. Physical activity in the tropical heat is far from ideal for him, "I am afraid the pain has returned and I am in some discomfort," Richards

'It would make sense, perhaps, to miss this game and make certain I am fit for the other Tests." Richards has a fortnight to recover fully as the second Test does not start in Port of Spain until April 14.

Both teams suspect the Bourda pitch will help spin as the Test progresses. West Indies had intended to play their usual four fast bowlers and to look to Richards and Hooper for any slow bowling required. Hooper does not bowl regularly and it would be asking a lot of an inexperienced player to shoulder the burden alone.

Pakistan, too.

should not be invoked against Pakistan. only specialist brought on the tnur and remains the likely There will be wry smiles in NW8 about this. West Indies would never flout an ICC agreement but they might be felt selection. Yousuf, however, still has a screw in his left thumb after fracturing a hand against England and his recent work has to be fighting this one's in-troduction to the last ditch. been untidy.

Miandad was earmarked as a part-time wicketkeeper hut last kend Aamer was press into service against the Board XI. Aamer, who last kept wicket as a schoolboy, again did a good job on Wednesday in the oneday international and may be included for the Test.

Meanwhile, there is surprise in both camps that the tour playing conditions for the Test over-rates. West Indies were the only member to vote against an International Cricket Con-ference (ICC) decision last July that at least 15 overs an bour should be bowled in Tests played after April 1, 1988.

It was expected that this series therefore would be the first played under the experimental rule. The ICC sub-committee responsible for drawing up the details, including penalties for defaulters, circulated all counhave raised queries, particularly about countries where the light searching to do on their choice fades early, and felt the new rule West Indies wan series 5-0.

Australia recall Wood Vance guides for tour of Pakistan Sydney (AFP) - The Australian became the first Western

tour of England more than two

years ago.

Sydiety (APP) - The Australian Countries we selectors yesterday omitted Australian to score 1,000 runs in a season. Wood, aged 31, who compiled a match-winning 141 in the Shield final, has not payed for Australia since their than the status of Policies was a feel and the status of Policies for the tour of Pakistan in

The selection of Healy, aged 23, was the biggest surprise in the 15-man party and the choice of Jamie Siddons, of Victoria, ahead of the New South Wales all-rounder, Mark Waugh, who has had a successful season, also raised a few eyebrows.

Healy, a former Australian under-19 representative, played for Queensland in only one Sheffield Shield match and against the touring West Indians before being brought into the State side this year. The recall of Wood was expected after a prolific Sheffield Shield run in which he

TOUR PARTY: "A R Border (capitain), G R Marsh, O C Boon, A I C Dodemalds, I Healy, O M Jones, C J McDermont, T B A May, B A Reid, J Suddons, P R Sleep, P L Tsylor, M R J Velatta, S R Waugh, G M Rich invitation

Hampshire have invited J Paul Getty jur in become a vice-president fullowing his donation of £10,000 to the cluh last season. The county's annual meeting also agreed to make John Woodcock, who retired last year as cricket correspondent of The Times and who

lives in Longparish, a vice-president.

New Zealand into cup final

Scores from the one-day inter

PAKISTAN Ramiz Raja b Gray Shoaib Mohammad c Dujon b Marsha

national nn Wednesday

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Extras (b 3, 1b 6, nb 6)

BOWLING: Marshall 10-2-42-1; Walsh 10-2-50-1; Gray 10-0-44-3; Benjamin 7-0-31-0; Hooper 6-0-45-0.

West Indies
Haynes a Makk b Akram
Shimnes b Imran
Richardson a Ahmed b Imran

G Greenidge not out Extras (b 9, lb 13, w 1, nb 2) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-172, 3-182.

BOWLING: Imran 8-1-58-2; Akram 9-0-48-1; Ceder 7-1-23-0; Jatter 6-0-46-0; Faqih 7-0-28-0.

Man of the match: Javed Miandad.

J L Dujon net out .

Sharjah (Reuter) - New Zealand coasted into the final of the Sharjah Cup against India today when they beat Sri Lanka by 43

runs here yesterday. The New Zealand total of 249 for seven owed much to Vance, who missed his first nne-day century by four runs when he

ran himself nut. Vance, whn shared partnerships of 76 with Wright (45) and 70 with Jones (33), had the consolation of the man-of-the-match award. Sri Lanka never looked likely

to achieve the target after losing Kuruppu without a run on the board. Mahanama and Gurusinha put nn 90 for the second wicket before they slid to 115 for SCORES: New Zeeland 249 for 7 (50 overs) (R H Vance 95); Sri Lanka 206 for 8 (50 overs) (A P Gurusinha 60).

MOTOR SPORT

McRae chases record

By a Special Correspondent

Victory for Jimmy McRae, of Scotland, in the 49th three-day Rothmans Circuit of Ireland Raily around late afternoon on Easter Monday will put him into the record books as the most successful driver in the history of the event.

A year ago, McRae equalled the fiva wins achieved by Paddy Hopkirk in the 1960s in the heyday of the Mini-Cooper. However, when he starts this year's event from Belfast tomoryear's event from Belfast tomor-row, McRae, driving a Ford Sierra Cosworth, faces strong competition from Mitsebishi, who produced a surprise win on the opening round of the Shell British Championship, and

Weber takes early lead

Nairobi (AP) — Erwin Weber, of West Germany, driving a Volks-wagen Golf GTi, and Massimo Biasion, of Italy, a member of sion, of italy, a member of the Lancia team, were in a tight duel for the lead yesterday after the first stage of the 36th Safari

Weber, going for his first win here in four appearances, col-lected only four minutes in penalty points on the 500km (312-mile) run from Nairobi to the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa. Biasion, in his second Safari Rally, was two minutes off the lead in his Lancia Delta

On the least 11 mis Lancia Dena Integrale. RESULTS: 1, E Weber (WG, VW Golf GTI), 0:04 pengity minutes; 2. M Biasion (R. Lancia Deta Imagraie), 0:05; 3, L-E Torph (Swe, VW Golf GTI), 0:09; 4, K Erikason (Swe, Toyota Supra), 0:10; 5, H Milikota (Fin. Opol Kadett GSS), 0:12; 8, J Kanidunen (Fin. Toyota Supra), 0:15.

This year's event is but n pake shadow of the traditional Easter tour — which was a true test of the car and its occupants — because of the new safety rules. It is confined to 186 miles of lanes in south-eastern Eire, with Dublin and Waterford the overoight halts.

Ian Grindrod, co-driver to McRae for many years and now with Malcolm Wilson in the Vauxhall camp, reflected popular opinion when he said: "In the old days you paced yourself during the first day to weigh up the opposition. Nowadays it's hell for leather from the start and this puts extra pressure on

Finn flying up the ladder

Outrageously shooting stars orbit very rarely in motor racing (a Special Correspondent writes). The late Gilles Villeneuve and Ayrton Senna were the last two, but the signs are that the next could be on his way. His name, Jyrki Jarvilehto, may be barely pronouncable, but his achievements on the track are clear-cut.

Last year he dominated the Mobil I British Formula Ford 2000 series. This year he has won his first two Lucas British Formula Three races in style.

This weekend he returns to Thruxton intent on making it three. With the might of Mariboro behind him and support from Keke Rosberg, he knows that further victories could, within 5 year, catapult him into

Noah tie gives Dallas a kick

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

There was an air of gathering excitement in "Big D" as the spectacular Wurld Championship Tennis tournament boiled down to these semi-finals: Stefan Edberg v Yannick Noah and Brad Gilbert v Boris Becker. Even the losers of those matches receive about £28,500.

Gilbert, a Californian, stood alone - on only one sound ankle - among three powerful and aggressive players who have all won grand alam singles titles. He won all his three matches with Becker last year, though two were close. Similarly, Noah has had a string of tough matches with Edberg but lost the lot. "I play well against him," Edberg says. "He doesn't seem to like my kick serve."

The pairings were completed when Noah beat Tim Mayotte 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 and Edberg had a 6who seldom plays indoors. The only surprise was the ease of had won all their previous matches.

This was not the Mayotte whn achieved prominence at Wimbledon from 1981 to 1983. He did not serve well and the rest of his game suffered. By contrast, Noah's serving was admirable and be flung himself about with the panache that is always evident when he is fit and keen. "Yannick seems to be having

a good time out there." Mayotte said. "That's a sign that he's charged-up." Mind you, it is difficult not to have a good time when on court with the genial Mayotte. The match was en-livened by their mutual enjoy-ment of the fun that is in every match if the players have a mind in respond to it.

Edberg, fresh and eager after two weeks off, was brisk and confident in overpowering the quick but comparatively small Jaite, who only once reached deuce when Edberg was serving.

There was more sympathy than censure in Edberg's gentle comments un the loser. "He is not really an indoor player. He doesn't hit very hard and he gives you a lot of time, a chance to play." Jaite, less at ease in English, found the words for a he's better than me.

The players are at one in their praise for the tournament's status and organization—and at one in welcoming the fact that next year it will be played a month earlier, as a climax to the iodoor season. Jumping about from one surface to another, which tends to happen at this time of year, is not the way to achieve a consistent level of

Only a week ago the players were husy on the sunny hard courts of Key Biscayne; a far cry dium set among city skyscrapers that vanish darkly into the clouds. Alongside the stadium is the tournament hotel, an immense, glass structure familiar the world over — because it appears among the opening shits of the Dallas television series.

Transparent lifts are hlistered' onto the hotel's inside walls, which rise to dizzy heights from a foyer incorporating pools and a waterfall — and a piano bar huilt on what might best be described as an indoor penin-

During the hours of daylight some of the assembled company have fired a host of souvenirs

inin the wider, deeper natural waters of Royal Oaks Chuntry Club. But at 80 pence a time, golf balls come cheap in Dallas. RESULTS: Overtor-finele: Y Noch (Fr) bt T Mayotte (US), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Jeite (Arg), 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

A word of caution from Evert

From Barry Wood, Tampa Chris Evert believes that lengthy

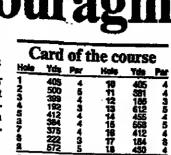
careers such as hers may be a thing of the past, and ironically the reason behind it is a raising of standards. "I think nne nf the reasons 1 am not burnt nut is that the depth wasn't there in women's tennis and I had really easy matches until the semi-finals. But now every match in the early rounds is going to test you and take something out of you, and as a result I don't think you are going to see girls now with careers of 10 or 15 years," she said. Her comments

prompted by the defeat of Zina Garrison, the fourth seed, in the first round of the Florida Open here. Ranked No. 11 in the world, Garrison was beaten 6-1, 6-3, by Halle Coiffe, an amateur, the previous day. The third seed, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, was defeated by Bettina Fulco, aged 19, in another upset.

"With more depth and with the top players obliged to play so many tournaments they are going to have their odd bad day," Evert said. Such occasions nevertheless rarely occur for Evert herself, and yesterday was no exception. She efficiently disposed of the qualifier, Federica Bonsignori, 6-2, 6-4, but was unaware until the introductions were made that her opponent had been behind another of those upsets.

The Italian beat Lori McNeil in the first round of the Lipton International two weeks ago. Against Evert she was persistent and ran everything down, but as against Michelle Torres the day before, Evert was the aggressor.

RESULTS: First reuset: H Cloff (US) bt 2 Garneon (US), 6-1, 6-3. Second reund: A , Maletre (Bul) bt K Horvath (US), 6-2, 7-5, P Tensbini (Arg) bt I Custo (WG), 6-1, 6-1; C Evert (US) bt F Boneignori (N), 6-2, 6-4.



Woosnam struggles

for Lyle but he pulled his approach just left of the green. Even so he chipped to five feet from where he made his

He got the ball to within seven feet but his putt missed

It brought a rare smile from

They're fine now," he said. "It's me. I'm not swinging well and I baven't a clue what direction the ball is going in." That was clear as Woosnam, shadow swinging most of the way round, started out by hooking his first three drives and then hitting his tee-

However, he had an adventurous finish, holing from 18 inches for a birdie at the 16th, going through the green to drop a shot at the 17th before making that putt on the

Davies joins celebrity list land, who was No. 1, in Europe last year. Reid is playing in the championship for the second time and her sensible, if modest, aim is to play all four rounds.

By Andrew Longmore

While no one is begrudging Northamptonshire's initiative in

bringing a great fast bowler into county cricket, the signing of Dennis Lillee has highlighted widespread concern in the game about the abuse of the registra-

Under laws brought in at the start of the 1979 season, counties can only play one overseas player, though they are allowed to register two. By signing Lillee, Northamptonshire now

have four non-English qualified players on their books — Winston Davis, Currly Ambrose, Roger Harper and Liliee. The county's logic is not at fault. Possibly all the West Indians will be released for the tour this

will be selected for the tour this

summer, leaving a space for one

more overseas player which prompted their approach to Lillee. But their embarrassment

of riches is likely to make the TCCB working party to look more closely at the loophole.

"In my opinion, the spirit of the law is being broken not just by Northamptonahire but by clubs like Warwickshire and

Surrey who have two overseas players alternating," Jack Ban-nister, secretary of the Cricket-

ers' Association, said.
"That is not only wasting money which could be used in other

areas of the game, but means that an English-qualified fast bowler is not just fighting one overseas player but two.

"In 1968, the rules went too far the other way when counties

were only allowed to register one player for three seasons, but now the situation is getting out of hand and English cricket

Bannister has not cons

bannister has not consulted his members yet but any official approach to the TCCB is likely to be met with some sympathy by the Board, whose working party is already looking at the growing movement of English players between counties and

could now be encouraged to consider a further restriction to

the number of overseas players

when they report at the end of

Bannister's solution to the problem is that counties should be allowed to register just one overseas player for one season. "If he gets injured then that's hard luck, but at the moment counties on setting in counters."

the year.

tion laws.

However, she was not feeling confident about her game and in practice she was struggling to practice she was sanging to rediscover the swing she had had before arriving. She was also adjusting to a new caddie because Mick, her regular assis-tant, had been the victim of a cancelled flight.

In the unaccustomed sun-shine, Reid admitted she was she admits she generally does not play well when it blows hard. And the desert winds here finding it difficult to remember that she was here to work and was not on holiday. A home bird, she harbours no desire to play in America full time. But Lopez recalled being "sand-blasted" at one Dinah Shore, but added encouragingly: "It's not so bad now because there Corinne Dibnah, the talented Australian who has been invited here for the second successive time, is considering trying for her card this Autumn. She

dawned bright and clear the last year, and is in confident mood after a series of high One person who should not limishes on the Asian tour. wind blew fiercely thereafter. The only thing Davies was O'Leary saved by the storm

Torrential rain lashing in off the before the second half of the off the water simply rose to the Atlantic caused the abandon- field was scheduled to start. ment of the first day's play in the Biarritz Open here yesterday after the normally benign course had turned into a bad tempered,

FOR THE RECORD

sodden tiger. Heavy showers, which had curtailed the pro-am event on Wednesday, continued over-night, and in spite of a massive effort by the greens staff, who worked through the night, the course was barely playable when the first players teed off at 8.50 yesterday morning.

Further heavy showers throughout the morning made the situation increasingly diffi-cult, and with scores soaring — John O'Leary, for example, was nine over par after 15 holes the tournament director. Tony Gray, finally decided to abandon play at around 1.20, just

BASKETBALL

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FENCING

"Conditions have been appalling since the start of play," Gray said. "Several greens became completely unplayable, and the effect of squeegeeing was causing dam-age to the point where the boles themselves were beginning to cave in. They were simply getting smaller and smaller, and in the end I had to stop it to give us a chance of getting the course anything like fit for play on Friday."

The decision was greeted with relief by most of the players. O'Leary, chairman of the Tour players' tournament committee, said: "The organizers made every effort to keep the course. playable, but in the end it was clearly impossible to carry on.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SELK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final replay: Helian 4, Huli 3.

RUGBY UNION

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(Eng.), 9-3, 9-3, 9-5; J Holoar (Eng.) bit P
Kerryon (Eng.), 9-4, 9-1, 9-6; B Seeson
(Eng.) bit A Adarraga (Aus.), 4-6, 9-4, 1-4, 9-2, 9-3; H Heisenon (Eng.) bit M Henryoy (Eng.), 8-3, 9-4
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The tournament will start again this morning, with the half-way cut being made after a further 18 holes tomorrow; the final 36 holes will be squeezed in on Sunday.

The weather on the Basque coast these last few days — wet, windy and horribly cold — has made something of a mockery of the Tour's decision to launch its season four weeks early this year by playing in southern Europe, where, they hoped, a more temperate climate would give them a trouble-free start.

Things almost rebounded when it rained heavily on the first day of the Majorcan Open three weeks ago. Yesterday the plan collapsed with a vengeance.

SKIING Gunn gets glory on

first run By a Special Correspondent

The two Yugoslavs, Grega Benedik and Bojan Krizaj, kept a squad of young British lions at bay to take first and second places in the Tennents Scottish Senior FIS championships on Cairngorm yesterday. In the first leg of the slalom it was Graeme Gunn, of Glasgow, who handed out the shocks by

beating the two visitors. He managed to shave two hun-dredths of a second from Krizaj's time and profited greatly from a leisurely run by Benedik. Krizaj, the 1986-87 World Cup sialom champion, had not

skied until he arrived in Scot-land after having crashed into trees while preparing for the Olympics slalom in Calgary. "This is my last serious race," innounced the man who won Yugoslavia's first ever World Cup point in Val d'Isère, France, in 1976. "I have had to take it easy since my crash, but I have no regrets about my retiral. It has been a difficult season,"

he said. The two Yugoslavs went into overdrive for the second run, however, and put the British development squad skiers in their place. Gunn skied hard out of the start gate but he could not keep up the pace. On the bottom section he ran

out of steam but was happy enough to get third place in front of the home crowd. Welshman Morgan Jones, first in the giant sialom on Tuesday, and fourth in yesterday's sialom, took the overall championship title. Piquet honour

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter)

Brazil's Post Office has issued a postage stamp bearing the name of Nelson Piquet, the world motor racing champion.

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selva di Valgerdena

Coach resigns Nairohi (AFP) - Chris Makokha coach of Kenya's national foothsil team, Harambee Stars, which finished last in the Africa Nations Cup in Morocco, has resigned. All the players criticized him and his sistant, James Siang'a.

SNOW REPORTS

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in the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Information supplied by the Italian Tourist Office.

Thorburn facing Graduates from keel university censure after positive drug test

Snooker, easily the most popular game on British tele-

vision, and with its world

championship showpiece only

although not during matches.

1980, the only overseas player Cliff Thorburn's snooker cato have done so. He is one of reer could be irreparably damaged following yesterday's confirmation by the World Professional Billiards and the most respected figures in the game both on and off the table. The fact that a man of his stature — the Canadian Government awarded him their Order of Merit after his Association (WPBSA) that a drug test performed upon him has been proved positive by an inworld championship triumph dependent laboratory St Bartholomew's Hospital in - has become embroiled in such an issue represents the heaviest blow yet sustained hy a sport that was so anxious to be seen to be clean that it voluntarily introduced drug

Thorburn, aged 40 and ranked fourth in the world, was subject to a random test after a match at the British Open in Derby a month ago when he reached the semifinals before being eliminated by Stepben Hendry.

Yesterday, the WPBSA confirmed in a statement that the test had shown up a pro-scribed substance. The statement read: "The WPBSA confirms that a random drug test on Cliff Thorburn at the MIM Britannia Unit Trusts British Open at Derby was confirmed positive yesterday [Wednesday] by an indepen-dent tribunal.

"The matter has been re-ferred to the WPBSA's disciplinary committee in accordance with the proper procedures. The WPBSA will not comment upon Press speculation either to the substance involved or the out-come of the disciplinary

Thorburn, who lives at Arkley, north London, won terday, but his unhappy man-the world champiouship in ager, Barry Hearn, who

liams in the second round.

Thorburn achieved the first

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moved his French-Canadian

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From hustler to

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recruited Thorburn to the Romford Matchroom stable only in January, said he had spoken to Thorburn by tele-phone "and obviously Cliff was very upset about the

Hearn would oot commen as to which susbtance had been traced in Thorburn's urine. The modern drugs test is a highly sophisticated one, capable of tracing an illegal substance up to three weeks after its use. testing procedures before the 1985 world championship.

Hearn added: "Obviously Cliff and I are very concerned about these allegations, but we will be making no further comment until after discussions with the WPBSA. These are serious allegations and obviously Cliff is very upset, but at the moment the two weeks away, has become increasingly sensitive about Kirk Stevens, another Ca-nadian, and the Irishman, Alex Higgins, have both admitted to using cocaine, matter is in the hands of our solicitors and the WPBSA."

Thorburn could face some dire consequences. The WPBSA, once the proper appeals procedures have been dealt with, would be em-powered to fine him the prize And following fierce criticism of the WPBSA's tolerance towards players who took beta-blockers, including Rex Williams and Neal Foulds, such drugs were money he won at the British Open - £18,000 - dock him the four ranking points he gained at the tournament, and bar him from the next six ranking tournaments. This banned from the start of next season except in those cases where they affect only the could cost him more than £100,000 in prize-money and Thorburn, who is on holi-day in Marbella with his wife seriously jeopardize his place in the world's top 16 by dint of the lost ranking points.

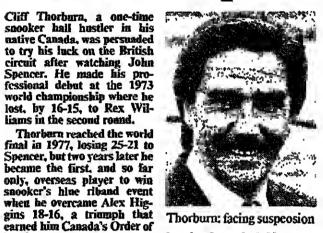
and two young sons, was unavailable for comment yes-The disciplinary hearing is unlikely to take place before the world championship begins on April 16. If Thorburn does eventually receive the maximum sentence for first offenders - second offenders cao be banned for life - he would probably still play in the 1989 world championship because next season there are eight ranking tournaments,

In his autobiography, entitled "Playing for Keeps", Thorburn commented freely both oo Stevens's cocaine addiction and on drug allega-tions made against him — Thorburn — by Higgins.

Thorburn wrote: "A lot of young guys sampled stuff just for the hell of it. Then they decided it was bad for them and just didn't get iovolved anymore. Somehow Kirk got

Thorburn, who in that instance was referring in part to the death of Stevens's mother in a fire caused by an arsonist, went on: "I think that what players do in private is their own business, hut I don't think that anybody should be allowed to take drugs to help them play better."

· Hearn was at Leeds Castle in Kent yesterday with two of his other players, the world champion, Sleve Davis, and Jimmy White, to announce a three-frame match in May with a £50,000 diamond and blue topaz necklace at stake for the winner. The prize has been donated hy authoress Heather Hay, who is promoting her novel, Heritage.



Thorburn: facing suspension bought a bouse in Arkley, near the home of his then manager, Robert Winsor. However, he At the 1982 world champand Winsor fell out last antumn before Thorburn joined

Some two years ago Thorburn, tired of commuting A keen golfer with an eight handicap - it was as low as four - Thorhurn has won one across the Atlantic and of the other ranking snooker tour-nament, the Benson and inevitable homesickness when he could not, decided it was Hedges Masters on three time to make a permanent family home in England, and occasions, plus a host of minor titles. His methodical style of play earned him his nickname of "The Grinder", a tag be Jamie and Andrew, to north pretends to dislike. London where they eventually

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Whole New World

Barry Hearn's Matchroom stable in January.

Lancashire remain unchanged

Lancashire will be unchanged for the Toshiba rughy county championship final against Warwickshire, at Twickenham on Saturday April 9.

From the six replacements, Kieran Rabbitt (hooker), Paul Robbins (prop), both from Liverpool Si Helens, and the Orrell lock, Dave Cusani, are retained from the semi-final

Side.

TEARE A Higgin (Vale of Lune): N Hestop (Waterloo), G Assecough (Orreft), D Fest (Orreft), B Henreson (Fride): I Altichison (Waterloo). G Williams (Pwhell): D O'Brisen, N Hischen, D Southern (Captan), R Kissmins (all Orreft), W Dooley (Fyto), D Cleary (Orreft), S Gallagher (Waterloo), P Cook (Wortingham), Replacements: 2 Langford (Orreft), M Henroock (Vete of Lune), M Kernick, K Rabbitt, P Robbine (Dott Liverpool St Helens), D Caseni (Orreft).

• Nottingham begin a hectic weekend of three matches in four days with their final firstdivision match today, against Harlequins at the Stoop Me-morial ground. Their last league match was against Wasps to November and they will be the first of the topranked clubs to complete their league programme.

 The former Cardiff player, Steve Ford, who was banned from playing the Union game following his trial with a Rugby League club, could sooo be allowed to play in the amateur code again. Ford, who was banned two-and-ahalf- years ago, could have his application for amateur status
"favourably received", Ray
Williams, secretary of the
Welsh Rugby Union, said.

Robert Norster, Cardiff's captain, has been forced to pull out of his club's tra-ditional Easter match against the Barbarians, because of his

recurring neck injury. David Bishop will be one of 10 capped players in the Public Schools Wanderers side which meets Penarth



The Cambridge University crew yes-terday revealed the state-of-the-art technology in the increasingly sophisticated battle that is the annual Boat Race — a winged keel modelled on the design used by America's Cup yachts. To keep it from any Oxford spies, it was hidden by a hlack plastic bag as

the boat was lowered into the Thames at Putney, but later crew members Jim Garman, the president, and Simon Lovegrove, the cox, took off the wraps. Alan lans, the Light Blues' coach, said: "This new keel shape reduces the oscillation of the boat, makes the boat run better through the water and,

therefore, increases the efficiency of the oarsmen." And then the joke began to grow thin...one of the designers was named as Australian Professor Sidney Bridge, and who is to say he is not lecturing at Keele University?

(Photographs: Ian Stewart)

been made at the request of

the Football Association," he

a definite decision in Scot-

land. I still hope to attend that

meeting and 10 plead a strong

case as long as I am allowed

timism, even though he is

"distressed" that the stadia in

which the European finals will

be staged have been "turned

into bunkers". He recognizes

that "nothing can be done" to

eliminate hooliganism. Merely repressed, it tends to

spread to areas beyond the

But European countries, as

far we've had more than half

of the replies and none of

them have been negative".

The closing date for replies is

UEFA may yet be in-fluenced as well by the our-come of the domestic competitions. Liverpool,

whose ban will not be lifted for

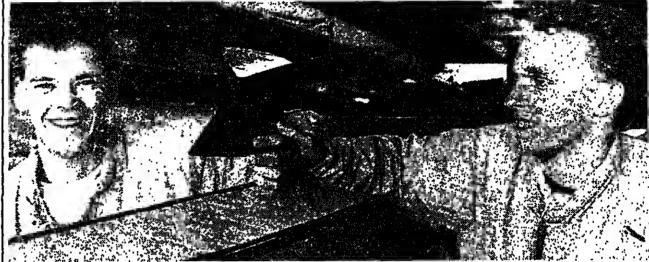
at least another three years

because their supporters were

April 15.

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European ban decision delayed

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, West Berlin Europe's governing body has which is by far the most

on whether English clubs should be readmitted to Europe oext season. It was expected to be announced during a meeting at 5t Andrews on May 3. A formal statement will not now be issued until after the European champiooship finals - have been completed on June 25.

UEFA is to defer the decision

Jacques Georges, the president of UEFA, says that the supporters of England must pass three more tests in foreign lands. There is a potential danger of mishehaviour in Hungary, which is minimal, in Switzerland, which is worrying, and in West Germany, bat hooliganism at home. Yet

It was thought that UEFA's executive committee would agree in Scotland to end the cootinental exile, which has lasted for three years, but only on condition that oo trouble was caused abroad by the national team's followers. England's reputation for export-

fully cleaused. During a meeting in Mo-naco last January UEFA's committee members stated that they appreciated the steps that have been taken by the domestic authorities to com-

taken a serious view of the opinion, published io The Times, by Colio Moynihan, the Minister for Sport.

Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Associatioo, was summoned to a meeting with Georges and Hans Bangerter, UEFA's secretary, and Moynihan's comabout the wisdom of England's proposed re-cotry, were produced. They seem to have prompted UEFA to postpone their decision for some seven weeks.

After discussions which lasted an hour, Millichip was

Policing costs set to rise

policing matches of np to 100 are charged legally and morper cent, which could push ally to give a better and more some of them into serious financial difficulties. A final decision by the West

Midlands Police finance and management committee to raise the cost of policing to about £500,0000 has been deferred until next Wednesday; but the committee is concerned that ratepayers and taxpayers are paying too much of the cost of dealing with troublemakers at six clobs -Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Coventry, West Brom-wich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Walsali.

Geoffrey Dear, the West Midlands Chief Constable, said after a private meeting of the committee yesterday:

Dismissals

crackdown

Tony Timson, the York for-

ward, was suspended for six

matches hy the Rughy League's disciplinary com-mittee yesterday after his dis-

missal against Mansfield on March 13,

Paul Geary (Batley), Alan

Fairhurst (Rochdale) and

Colin Atkinson (Keighley) were banned for three games

Copenhagen (AFP) - The Danish football federation

yesterday decided to call in

referees from Poland to re-place their officials who have

gone on strike to demand £50 a match instead of the £42 on

Allan Donald, Warwickshire's

young South African fast

bowler, will he late reporting

back to Edgbaston. Dooald,

who is on national service, has

informed Warwickshire that

he will he returning to England

on May 4 or 5.

Late return

Strike move

West Midlands football clubs "Everyone is chasing efface increases in the cost of liciency and effectiveness. We cost-effective service. The figure for policing football indicates we are doing the job on the cheap.

> "We have accommodated the needs of footbalt clobs for a long time and done it at much less than the true cost. The proposal now, which is only in draft form, is that we go some way to redress the balance. Bot even that would not mean charging the full cost."

Clubs are charged varying amounts, according to circumstances. Last season, the cost of policing matches inside British football stadiums was £3.65 million, the highest ever. This was met jointly by the ctubs, who paid 65 per ceot,

SPORT IN BRIEF

Witt: dateat Richmond

Katarina Witt, the women's

world and Olympic cham-pion, will appear in the Skate Electric gala at Richmond ice

rink on April 11. The East German will be joined by five other Olympic gold medal winners, Brian Boitano, of the United States, and Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei

Bukin and Yekaterina Gorde-

yeva and Sergei Grinkov, of the Soviet Union.

Mark Nicholas, the Hamp-

shire captain, believes spin-

ners will benefit from the limited number of four-day

Spin benefit

matches this season.

Ice date

was indicated in a survey conducted by The Times, covered 35 per cent from the appear to he prepared to money it obtained from accept once more the risk of Littlewoods, Vernons and accommodating England's Zetters. This season the costs supporters. In response to UEFA's question naire, have so far risen a forther 29 per cent. Georges confirmed that "so

Yet the police have rarely charged the full cost and the clubs have benefited from the fact that officers, deployed outside the stadiums and paid entirely by local and central government, are also used inside the ground while the game is in progress.

The Hampshire Police Authority is considering a proposal that Portsmouth Southampton and Aldershot football clubs should pay the complete charges of controlling League matches and not just the costs of stationing officers inside the grounds.

Track ready

ing in the hope of staging the

1992 Commoowealth Games wilt be ready in time for this

the British Transplant Games

this year. More than 500

competitors representing all

the major heart, liver and

kidney transplant centres in the United Kingdom are ex-

pected to attend the games, which are being held in July.

Tokyo (AFP) - Japan will

send its largest ever Olympics

team to the Seoul Games

opening in September, Japan Olympic Committee officials

said here yesterday. The Japa-

nese will send a 330-member

contingent to Seoul, compared to 308 competitors and of-ficials sent to the 1984 Los

Angeles Olympic Games, they said. The Seoul team will

Castle contest

Steve Davis and Jimmy

White, snooker's two leading

players, will meet over three

frames at Leeds Castle, Kent on May 17 with a £50,000

necklace at stake.

include 255 competitors.

Japan's plan

involved in the tragic events at the Heysel stadium, could simplify matters by complet-ing the League and FA Cup

Belgians agree to support **English return** The new athletics track which Cardiff City Council is prepar-

Brussels (Reuter) - The Belgian Soccer Union (BSU) has told UEFA, Europe's govern-ing football body, that it no longer objects to the re-ad-mission of English teams to European cluh competitions, an official said yesterday.

The BSU president, Michel D'Hooghe, said he did not want English clubs accompanied by gangs of trouble-makers, but he declined to say whether this meant clubs with a reputation for misbehavious by their followers should still he barred, or be admitted and controlled by tight security

Member countries have been asked by UEFA to indicate their views on the return of the English clubs before the next meeting of its executive committee at St Andrews.

English clubs have been banned since May, 1985, when Liverpool fans were largely blamed for the deaths of 39 people in riots before the European Cup final in the Heysel stadium in Brussels. END COLUMN

Wizards pick up football tricks

By Peter Ball

In the past mount a bacomin' school team has been touring Britain, and so have the Chinese under-16s. But while the South Americans have have been revealed to tiny gatherings of coaches and opponents' fathers on mindcaked training pitches.

Yet, while an over-matched Brazilian team, revealing that Brazil's football still has not got the administrative ability of its players, was getting beaten, the Chinese have been sweeping the country defeat-ing every side they have met. A London schools select, an

Aston Villa team containing six over-age players, Hearts, Cheshire schools and Man-chester United have all been beaten so far and only Man-chester City this Saturday stand between them and a

The Brazilians, of course, are on an official tour. Perhaps unfortanately the Chinese boys, the first Chinese side ever to visit Britain, are here at ever to visit Britain, are here at the invitation of a private individual and even if that individual is English football's most distinguished son, Robby Charlton, the games have not been fixed officially. Hence the matches at London Coiney and Tamworth, Littleton Road and Platt Lane rather than Highbury, Villa Park, Old Trafford or Maine Road.

Banquets relief. from junk food

Perhaps the Chinese prefer it that way. It is difficult to tell, because, trapped between an official interpreter and their unfailing politeness, it is difficult to prize out their feelings about everything. It is clear though that the banquets put on by the Birmingham, Edinburgh and Manchester Chinese communities have been more appreciated than the staple fare of British buffets. disappointed about the out-come. "This delay has not sansage rolls, sandwiches and dramsticks, or the junk food picked up on the way to ar from matches. stated. "We were hoping to get

Food apart, the tour is clearly fulfilling their hopes, coaching sessions by Steve Burtenshaw at Arsenal, Bobby Downes at Aston Villa and by Bobby Charlton and Ray Whelan from Charlton's Georges did offer some school's own staff giv the professional help which is the tour's primary purpose.

"We think we have some very skilled players, but we need greater competition for them to improve," said Li Chuanqi, their smiling, ever-friendly manager."In Europe you can watch games at the top level and have high level coaching and we need this for both our players and our coaches in order for us to improve."

They are proving quick learners. Watching their display as they beat a bigger, stronger but much less the ented Aston Villa side in the second match of the tour, Charlton was astonished by the extend of their improvements. particularly defensively. "That was 100 per cent.

better defensively from what I saw last week", he remarked after their victory. "They are thinking about it now, and the first half in particular they were excellent."

Fine prospects for 1998 World Cup

From what I have seen any lack of competitiveness and aggression, which advanced publicity stated was the major problem, has been overstated, a conclusion shared by Villa's assistant manager, Dave Richardson, and by Graham Cracknell, the master in charge of football at Hemel Hempstead school where they spent one morning being royally entertained.

"We always think our great quality is the aggression of our running, but that has im-pressed me most about them," Richardson said after his side's defeat. Their skill is unquestion

Half a dozen look outstanding prospects likely to make a name for themselves in the 1998 World Cup if not before, with the tall rangy forward. Su Maozhen, looking especially exciting. Against Hearts, whom they

beat 2-0, their control was such that a rough, tough Scottish team did not manage a single shot at goal. Afte wards, the club's coach, Walweek ago we had Scotland schools playing West Germany here. On today's show ing the Chinese would have beaten Scotland and pushed West Germany very close."

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